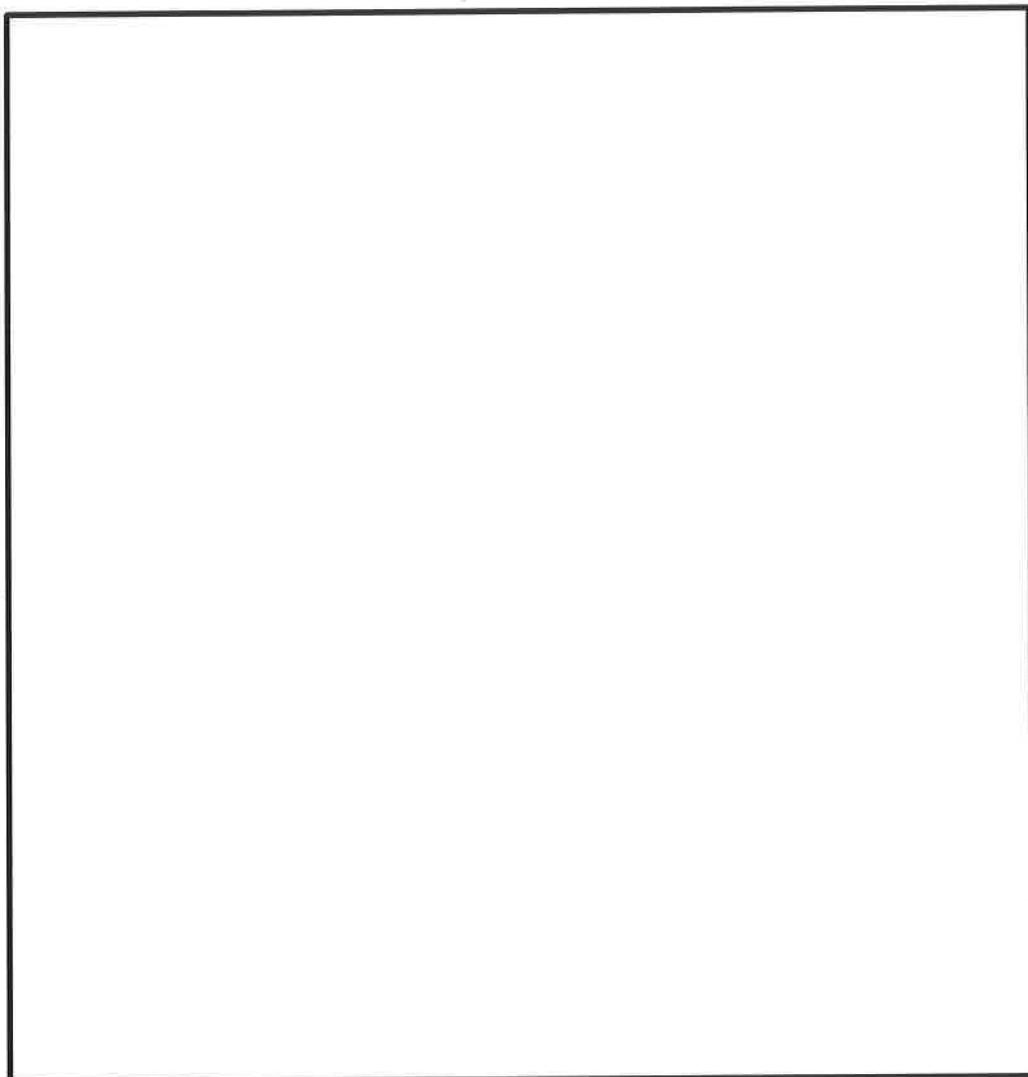


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#### **VISA 92/93 Fraud**

Team adjudicated a number of Visa 92/93 cases in Ghana and some were denied based on fraud documents. Many were for applicants who married post-adjudication/pre-departure and could not prove a valid marriage. Others were of children who presented fake school and medical documents and in some case, were not the applicants being filed for. Team established that anchors in the U.S were presenting fraudulent documents to the Service Center when proof of relationship was demanded.

#### **RAVU**

As has been noted by other team leaders, RAVU has had a significant impact on P3 circuit rides especially in West Africa. The information provided was a very

useful tool by which officers were able to adjudicate their caseload in more accurately and in good time. While this is helpful, many officers who end up on the circuit rides are not familiar with RAVU. Even the officers who have adjudicated with RAVU results in the past cannot resolve complex RAVU decisions and everyone has to rely on the Team Leader, which takes time away from reviews and other duties.

Although RAVU is very helpful for now, indications are that those who wish to continue participating in fraud are getting ahead. In many cases, officers had to spend time removing names of individuals on I-590s that are clearly not related to the applicant. In many cases, the applicant admits that those that he/she named as "children" or "step-children" etc. are actually not related to the applicant in any way.

#### **OFFICER PERFORMANCE**

Most officers performed their duties satisfactorily. (See individual Officer Feedback Reports).

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TRIP REPORT  
NAIROBI REFUGEE TEAM #2  
JANUARY 14 – MARCH 11, 2005

**Purpose of the Detail:**

To interview applicants for refugee status located in Nairobi, Kenya; Dadaab Refugee Camp, Kenya; Johannesburg, South Africa; Maputo, Mozambique; and Lusaka, Zambia. Over the course of the entire detail, 541 scheduled cases were interviewed. Of these 541 cases, 372 (or 68.7%) were approved, 162 were denied, and 7 were administratively closed.

**Composition of Team:**

Team Leader and  
Nomad Officer:

[redacted] headquarters)

Interviewing Officers:

[redacted] Arlington Asylum Office)  
[redacted] Newark Asylum Office)  
[redacted] Miami Asylum Office)

Support Personnel: Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA), Nairobi

**Pre-Departure Preparation and Training:**

The Headquarters staff responsible for organizing the detail [redacted] and [redacted] did their usual excellent job of ensuring that qualified officers were selected for the detail and that all detailees were able to obtain all necessary travel documents, immunizations, visas, travel advances and airline tickets. Kudos to Mr. [redacted] for doing so despite the fact that this was all accomplished over the Christmas/New Year's holiday period and despite complications caused by:

- (1) Protracted negotiations between the Rome District / Nairobi Suboffice and the Overseas Processing Entities regarding the locations to be visited and casework to be adjudicated during the "nomad" portion of the detail, and
- (2) The need to find a replacement for one of the interviewing officers who had to back out of the detail less than 48 hours before orientation was to begin.

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All team members took part in a two-day orientation and training program in Washington, DC on January 6 and 7, 2005. [REDACTED] conducted the training with assistance from Mr. [REDACTED]. The information provided was very helpful in preparing the team members for their journey (especially those team members who had not previously been on an African refugee detail).

In addition, all team members participated in security training conducted in Winchester, VA, from January 9-14, 2005. (Effective January 2005, all CIS personnel going overseas for periods of 30 days or longer are required to complete this security training course.) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The course was both interesting and informative. Because this was the first time the course has been offered, the course organizers and instructors have requested that upon completion of their details course attendees make recommendations on changes and improvements in the structure and content of the course. Some suggestions are provided below under "Areas of Concern and Recommendations."

#### Travel to and Arrival in Africa:

Upon completion of the security training, all team members departed from Dulles Airport on either January 14 or 15, 2005, and arrived in Africa by January 16, 2005. With the exception of the team leader (who traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa), all team members flew to Nairobi, Kenya where they were met by the Acting CIS Officer-in-Charge. All travel was conducted without incident.

#### Nomad Portion of the Detail:

- Travel to Johannesburg, South Africa – The team leader / nomad officer traveled to Johannesburg and arrived without incident.
- Facilities and Support in Johannesburg – The interviews were all conducted at the U.S. consulate where the USRP officer was provided with good facilities and received excellent support from the local staff. Furthermore, the officer would like to especially commend the JVA official, [REDACTED] who provided outstanding administrative support.
- Casework in Johannesburg – During the Johannesburg portion of the Nairobi circuit ride, the nomad officer interviewed 15 scheduled cases involving 20 individuals. Of the 15 cases, 11 (or 73.3%) were approved

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(including those tentatively approved and on hold pending CLASS and/or SAO checks), 4 were denied and none were administratively closed.

- Travel to Maputo, Mozambique – Travel from Johannesburg to Maputo occurred without incident.
- Facilities and Support in Maputo -- The interviews were all conducted at the U.S. consulate where the USRP officer was provided with good facilities and received excellent support from the local staff. Of particular note is the assistance provided by consular section employee [REDACTED] [REDACTED] who served as excellent interpreters in addition to providing other support for the USRP officer. As in Johannesburg, JVA official [REDACTED] provided outstanding administrative support.
- Casework in Maputo – During the Maputo portion of the Nairobi circuit ride, the team interviewed 13 scheduled cases involving 22 individuals. Of the 13 cases, 9 (or 69.2%) were approved (including those tentatively approved and on hold pending CLASS and/or SAO checks), 4 were denied and none were administratively closed.
- Travel to Lusaka, Zambia – Travel from Maputo to Lusaka occurred without incident.
- Facilities and Support in Lusaka – The interviews were all conducted at the [REDACTED] where the USRP officer was provided with good facilities and received excellent support from the local staff. JVA official [REDACTED] provided outstanding administrative support.
- Casework in Lusaka – During the Lusaka portion of the Nairobi circuit ride, the team interviewed 13 scheduled cases involving 65 individuals. Of the 13 cases, 11 (or 84.6%) were approved (including those tentatively approved and on hold pending CLASS and/or SAO checks), 2 were denied and none were administratively closed.
- Travel to Nairobi, Kenya -- Travel from Lusaka to Nairobi occurred without incident.

#### Kenya Portion of the Detail:

- Nairobi
  - Training in Nairobi – The team members reported that the OIC did a great job of conducting training in all matters to be covered during the detail, condensing his normal 3-day course into 2 days. But

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they also felt that it would have been very useful to observe the OIC conduct a "demonstration interview." The Rome District Office had asked him not to because they felt that (as experienced asylum officers) the detail officers all knew how to conduct interviews.

While this is true, refugee interviews differ significantly from asylum interviews, especially with regard to the paperwork to be completed and the anti-fraud procedures to be followed. For example, in asylum interviews family members are rarely separated in order to cross verify testimony and Asylum Officers don't "switch-out" interpreters to ensure their integrity.

- Facilities in Nairobi – All interviews were conducted at the JVA facility located in Nairobi. The facilities provided were clean and comfortable, and more than adequate for our purposes.

While in Nairobi all detail officers lived at the [redacted]  
 [redacted] These facilities are quite pleasant and the hotel's staff is very attentive to the needs of the detailed officers.

- Casework in Nairobi – During the Nairobi portion of the circuit ride, the team interviewed 370 scheduled cases involving almost 900 individuals. Of the 370 cases, 247 were approved (including those tentatively approved and on hold pending CLASS and/or SAO checks), 119 were denied and 4 were administratively closed.

The Nairobi casework consisted mainly of P-3 cases (i.e., those in which an anchor relative in the U.S. had filed an "Affidavit of Relationship" on behalf of the refugee applicant), Visas 92 or 93 cases (i.e., those on whose behalf an I-730 petition had been filed and approved), and re-interview cases (where the prior decision had been called into question for one reason or another or the applicant had submitted a Request for Reconsideration), along with a smaller number of P-1 cases (i.e., those who had a referral letter from the UNHCR or the American Embassy).

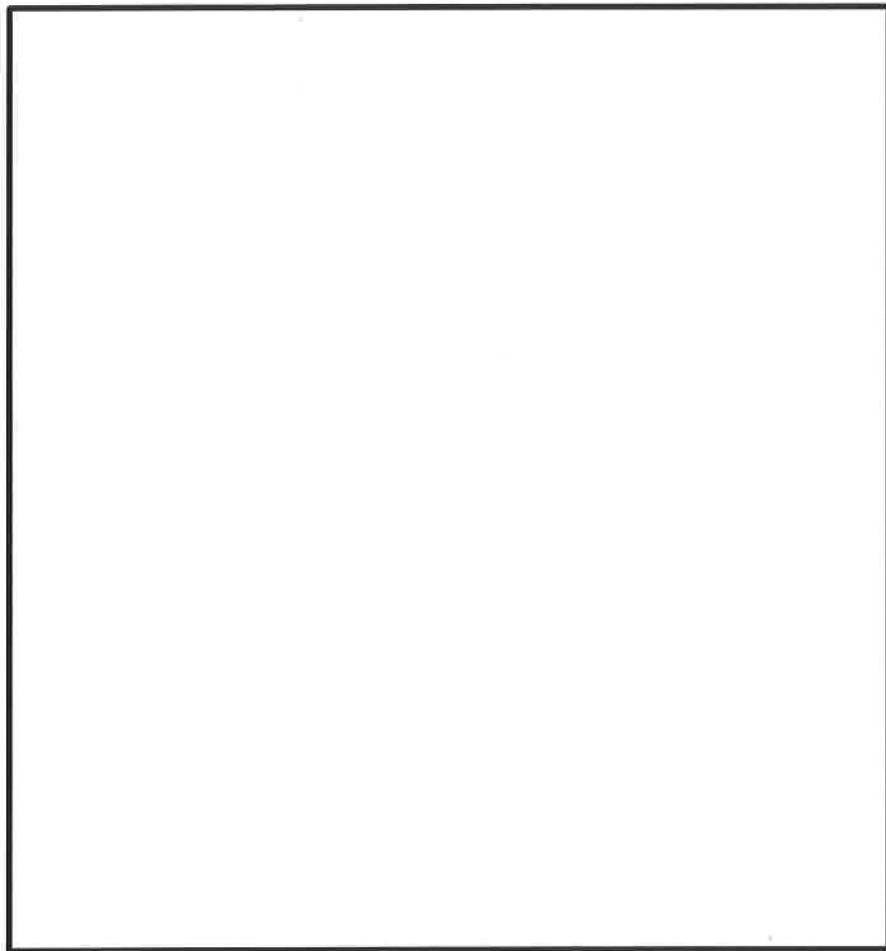
- Dadaab

- Travel to Dadaab (Kenya) Refugee Camp – The team traveled from Nairobi to Dadaab Refugee Camp on February 28, 2005, by chartered aircraft. The trip was uneventful and all personnel, equipment and supplies arrived safely and on time. In fact, the only difficulty encountered involved adjusting from the mild climate of Nairobi to the extremely hot climate of Dadaab, where the daytime temperatures during this circuit ride reached as high as 45 degrees Celsius (113 degrees Fahrenheit). Without air-conditioning and

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plenty of bottled water, work in this environment would have been very uncomfortable, if not downright dangerous to one's health.

- o Physical Layout of the Dadaab Refugee Camp and Facilities at the Camp - [REDACTED]



- o Casework at Dadaab Refugee Camp – During the Dadaab portion of the Nairobi circuit ride, the team interviewed 126 scheduled cases involving 468 individuals. Of the 126 cases, 94 (or 73.4%) were approved (including those tentatively approved and on hold pending CLASS and/or SAO checks), 33 were denied and 1 was administratively closed.

The majority of cases involved Benadir, or claimed Benadir, applicants for refugee status. (The Benadirs are a relatively small and weak clan in Somalia who are supposedly descended from Indian and/or Portuguese and other traders. They were able to survive, and even prosper, over the years by providing goods and services to the major clans. However, when the Somali social and governmental structures broke down, the Benadirs were targeted by the major clans who (1) were not pleased that the Benadirs were serving other clans and (2) believed that the Benadirs had accumulated significant wealth over the years from their trading activities. Sub-clans of the Benadirs include the Asharafs and the

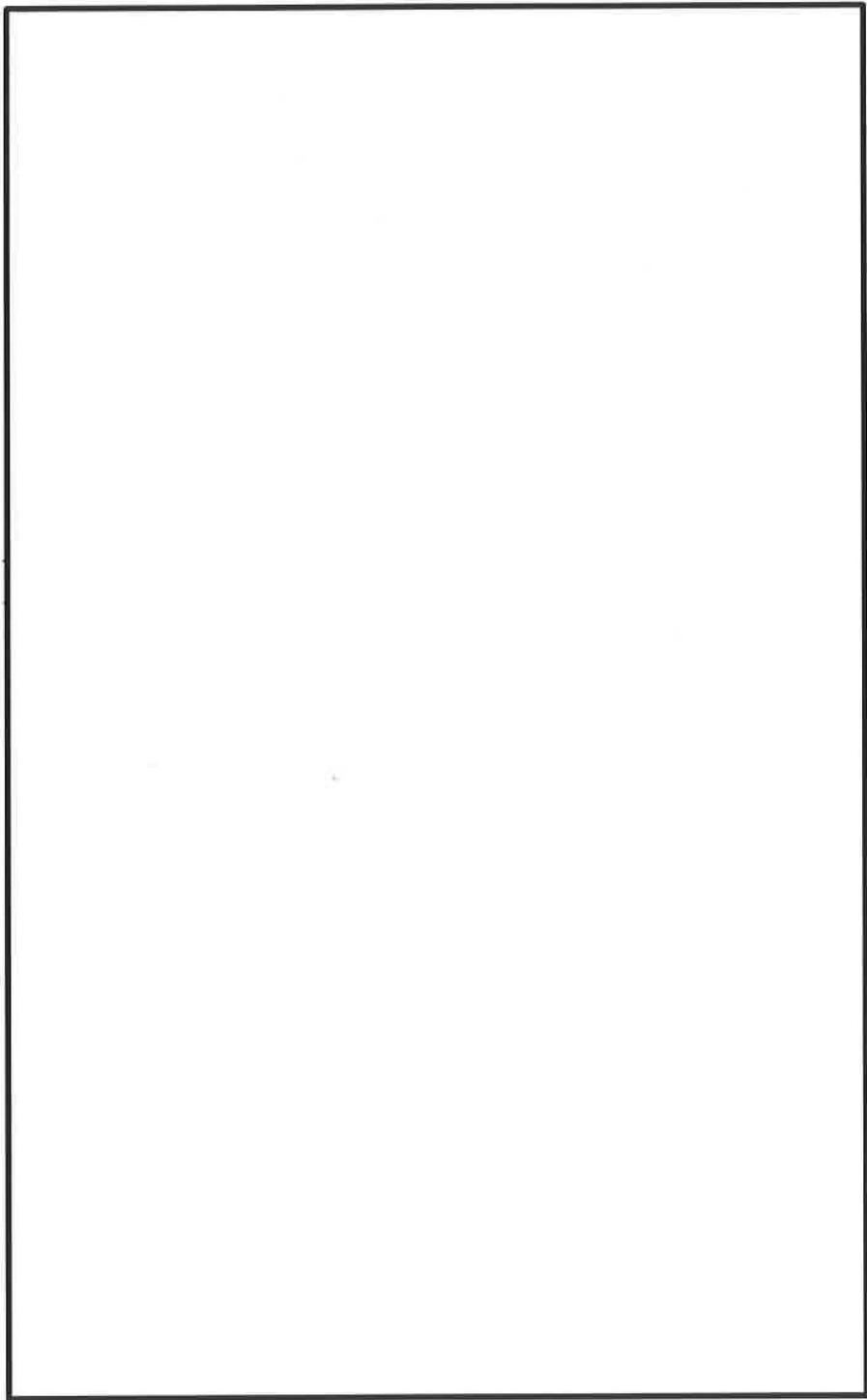
Sheikals.) In addition, the team interviewed a small number of Ethiopians, Eritreans, and non-Benadir Somalis.

The Benadir applicants had previously been identified as candidates for group processing and had been the subject of a UNHCR verification exercise in 2004. [REDACTED]



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All refugee cases were denied and the UNHCR is looking into possible prosecution of the principals involved.

- o Travel to Nairobi

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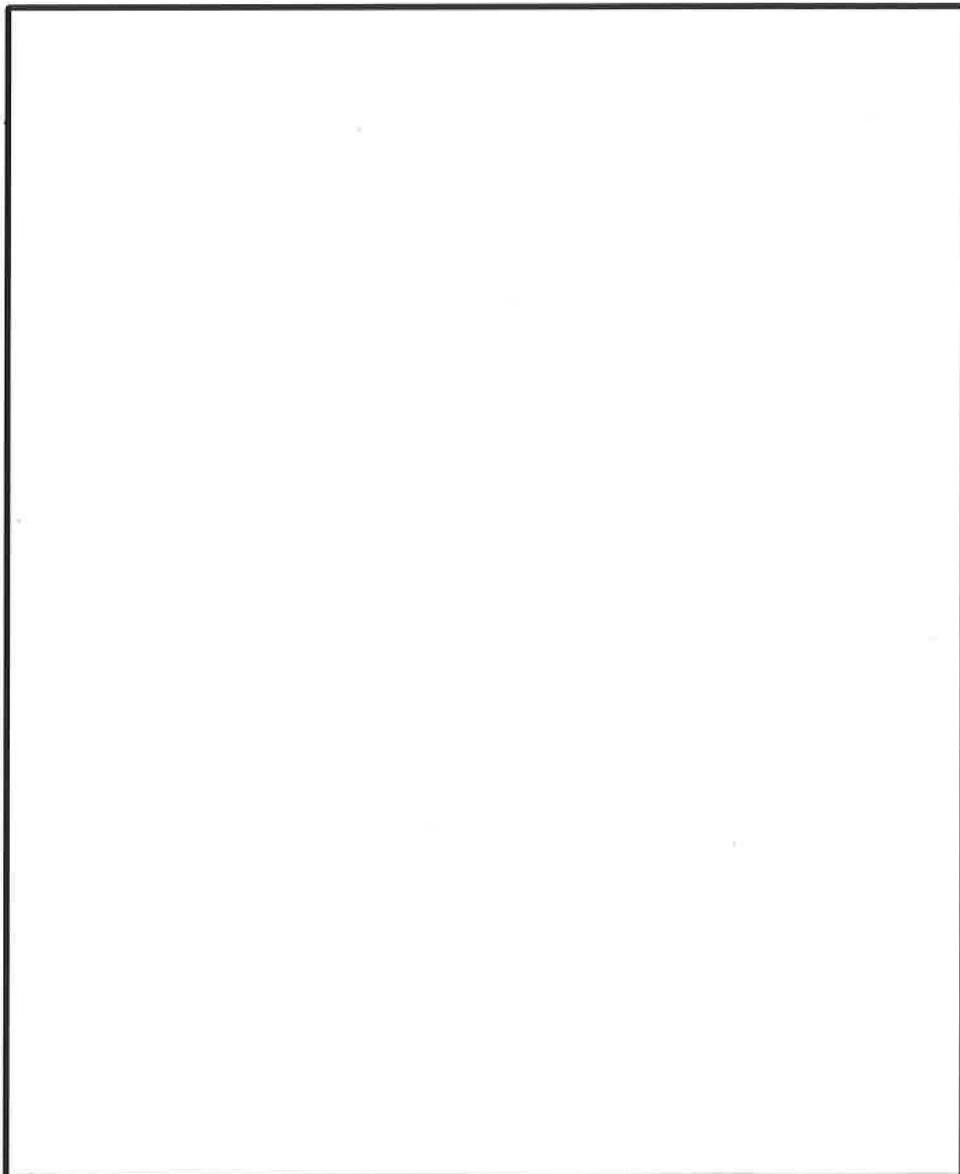
The team left Dadaab on Wednesday, March 9 and returned to Nairobi to prepare for their return to the United States. The trip to Nairobi occurred without incident.

**Departure from Africa:**

The team left Africa between March 10 and March 19, 2005 (one team member had been authorized to take annual leave at the end of the detail), and returned safely to the United States.

**Areas of Concern and Lessons Learned:**

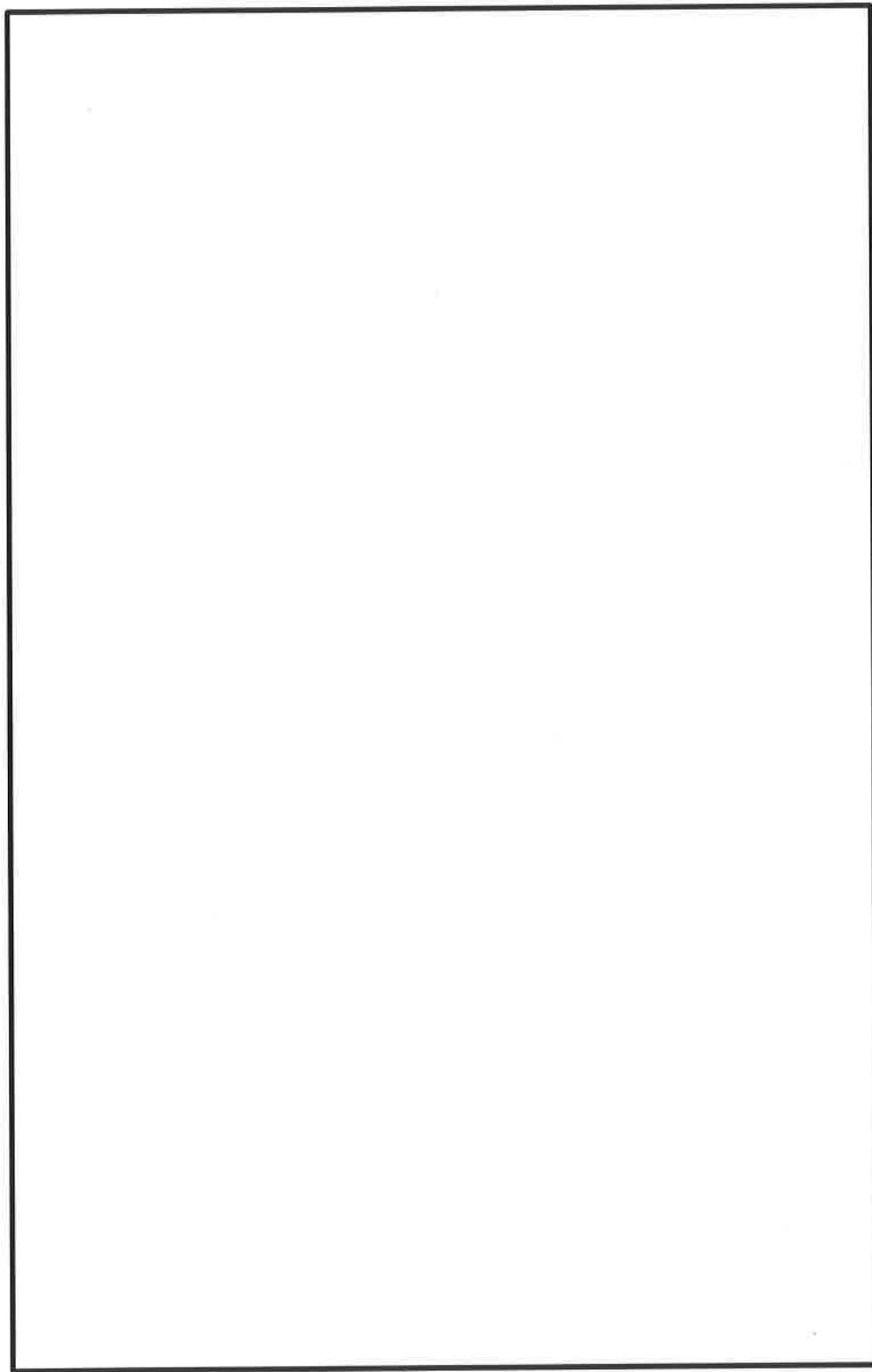
- **Security**



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- o An enhanced sense of physical security resulting from the confidence of the team in the DSLO which enabled the team members to concentrate on their interview responsibilities and the

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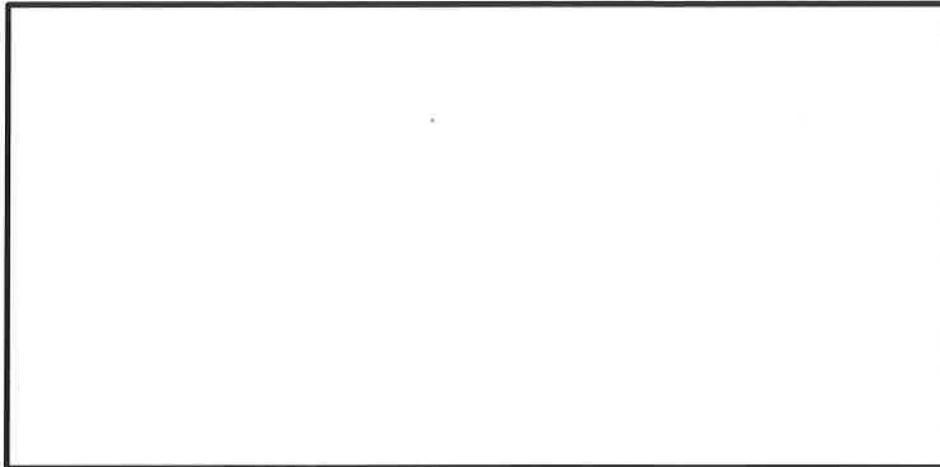
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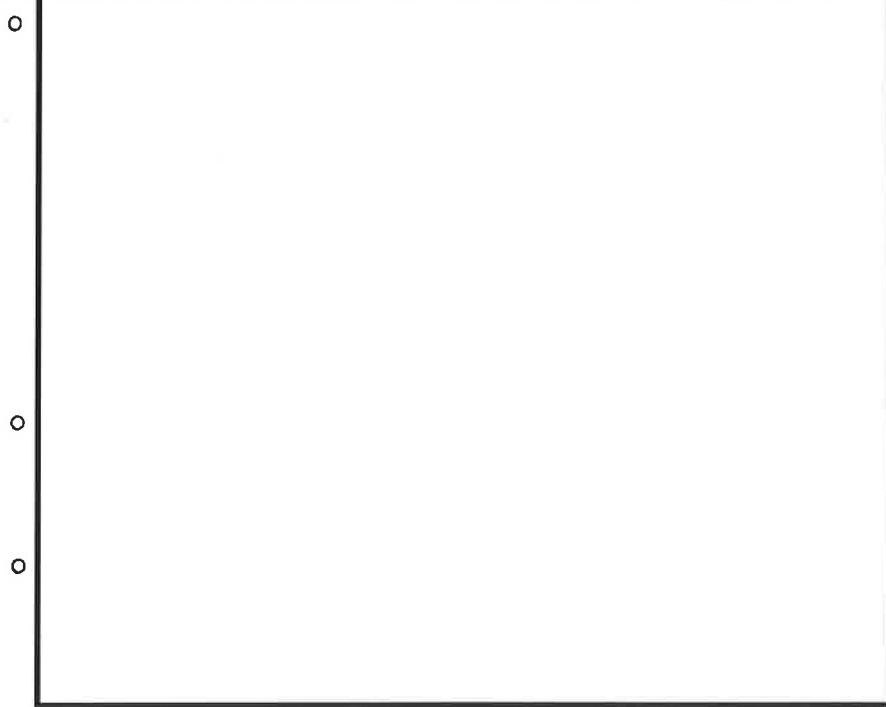
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- **Training of Future Refugee Teams**

Winchester Training Program:



Nairobi Training Program:

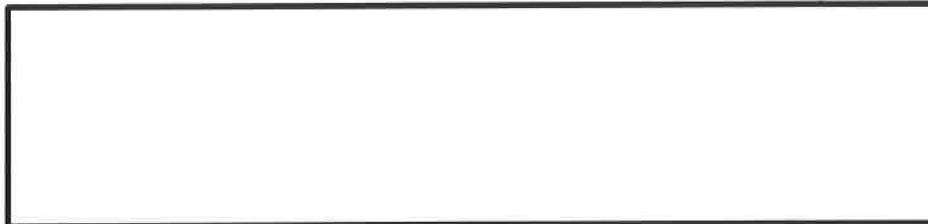
- The Nairobi Office has long had a most extensive and effective in-country training program for detailed officers. At the request of the Rome District, the normal 3-day training program at the embassy was reduced to only 2-days and the OIC's usual demonstration interview was eliminated. The detailed officers reported to the team leader that while the OIC did an effective job of condensing the embassy training course, but would have preferred to have

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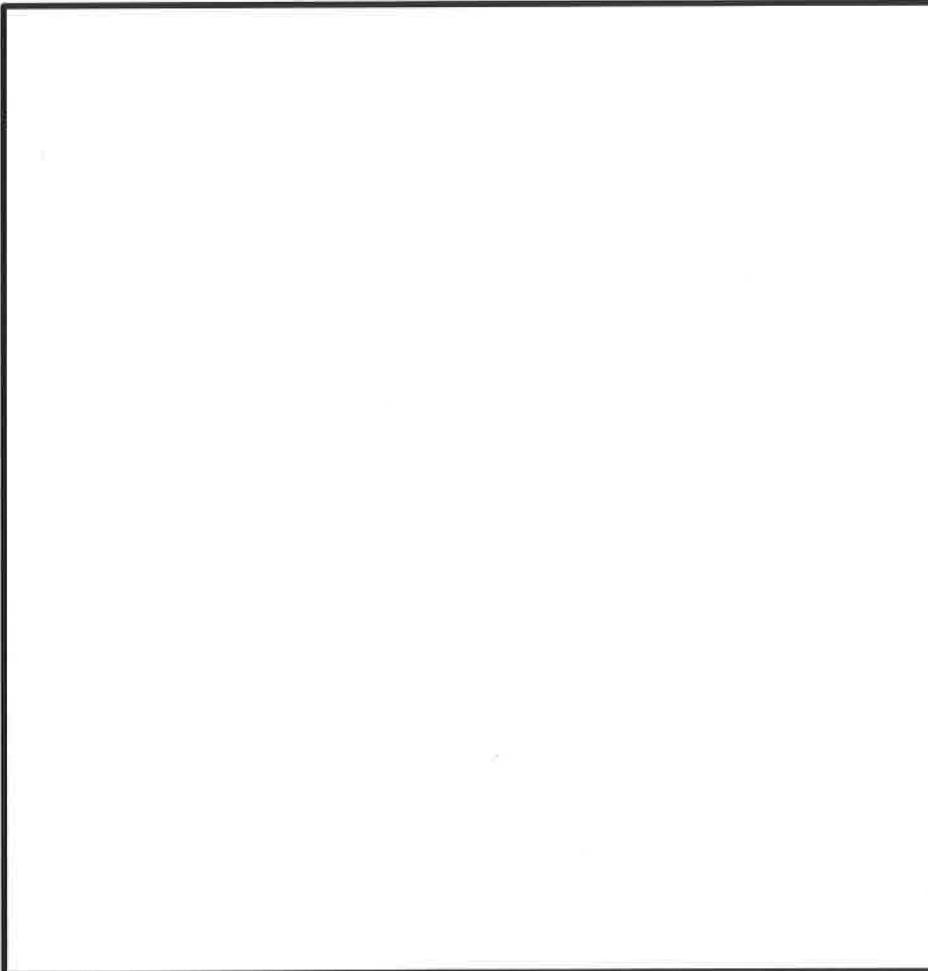
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observed a demonstration interview before turning to their caseloads.

- **Policy Regarding “Add-On” Cases**



- **Casework on Travel Days**



**Concluding Remarks:**

The team leader would like to note that all interviewing officers performed their duties in the most exemplary fashion, despite a number of hardships

encountered. In addition to the difficulties noted above, at one time or another each team member came down with one illness or another that (while not unusual when working in less-developed countries) would normally have resulted in the employee being unavailable for duty. However, despite such illnesses the interviewing officers continued to work together as a team for the benefit of the program and the refugees. In every respect these officers lived up to the highest standards of the USRP.

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
**Kibondo, Tanzania**  
**October 16 – 20, 2006**

**Place of Processing:** Kibondo, Tanzania

**Team Composition:** [Redacted]

**Dates of Processing:** October 17, 2006 – October 19, 2006

**Travel Days:** The team traveled from Nairobi, Kenya to Kibondo, Tanzania on October 16, 2006. The plane made a short refueling stop in Mwanza, Tanzania. The team passed through Customs at Mwanza where officials stamped the passports. The team traveled back to Nairobi on Friday, October 20, 2006. IOM arranged for a Customs official to meet the team at the Kibondo airstrip. The team paid a \$30.00 exit tax (payable in either Tanzanian shillings or US dollars.)

**Processing Venue:** [Redacted]

**Overall Statistics:**

	Scheduled Cases	Approved Cases/Indiv.	Denied Cases/Indiv.	HOLD Cases/Indiv.	Closed Cases/Indiv	No Show
Total Number	56/236	43/183	6/26	6/18	0	1/9
Percentage		77%	11%	11%	N/A	1%

**Number of cases by priority:**

P1: 54

P2: N/A

P3: 1

Visas 92/93: N/A

**Cases Placed on Hold:**

CIS put 6 cases on hold for security checks.

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CIS did not put any cases on hold for material support.

(1) No show – This family had to travel to Dar to seek medical treatment and therefore could not be present for the CIS interview.

*I. Processing Partners*

A. OPE

JVA Nairobi

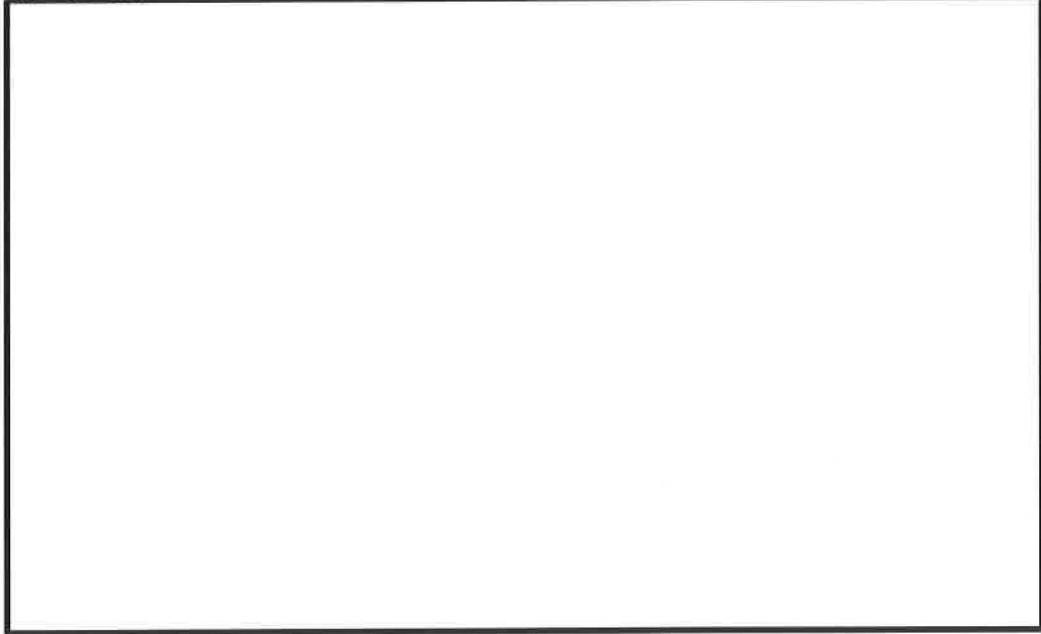
Team Leader: [REDACTED]

B. UNHCR

POC: [REDACTED] Resettlement Expert

*II. Logistics*

A. Travel

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**B. Hotel Accommodations**

Food	Accommodation
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**C. Security – Personal Items/Money**

Personal Items	Money
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**D. Work Schedule and Transportation**

Work Schedule	Transportation
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**E. Interpreters**

The languages interpreted during this circuit ride included Kirundi and Kiswahili. Three members of the CIS team noticed deficiencies with one of the interpreters alleging proficiency in Kirundi. The TL notified JVA.

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E. Communications

G. Miscellaneous Matters

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***III. Caseload Issues***

**A. Description of Case Load**

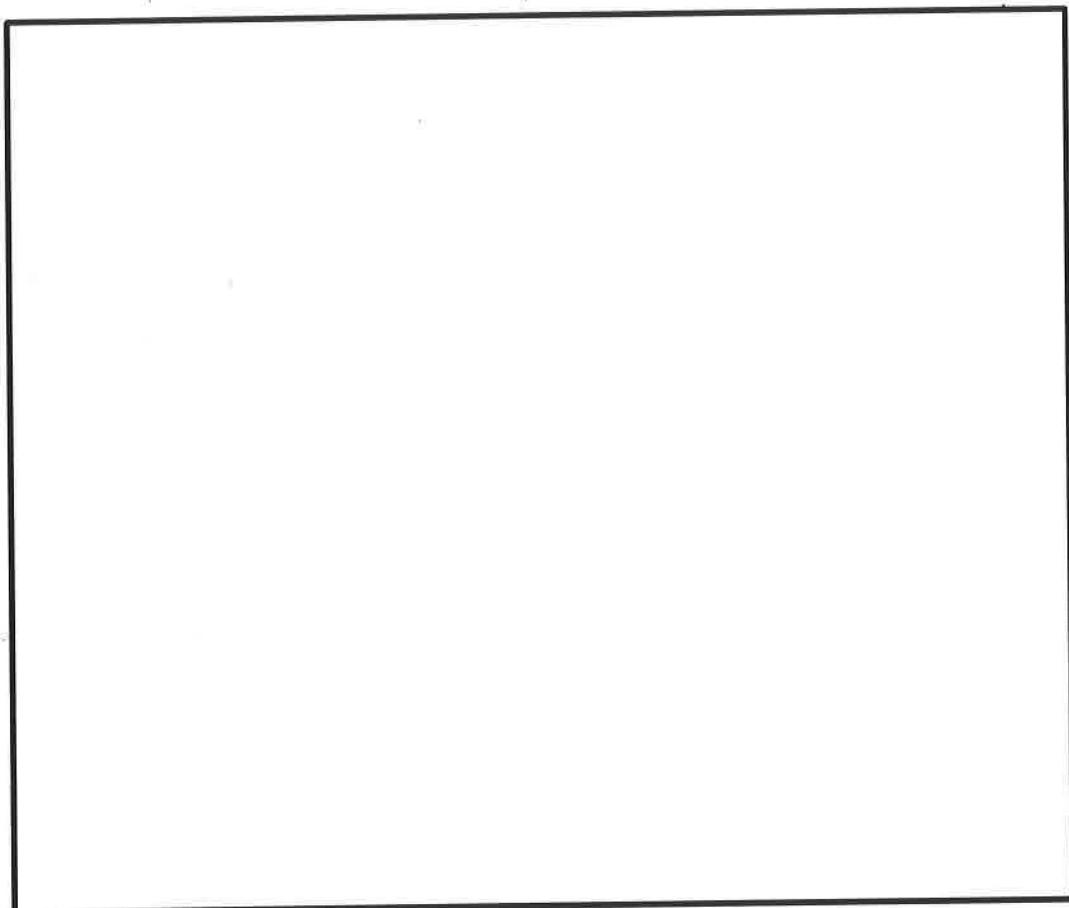
The team interviewed 3 cases from the Democratic Republic of Congo and 52 cases from Burundi.

**B. Problems or issues with Case Load**

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\*NOTE Subsequent to this circuit ride, RAD clarified the issue of access for P1s vs. P3s in an email sent thru the desk officer on November 17.

C. Trends Observed

N/A (The team only interviewed for three days; there were no trends observed except the aforementioned document issue and confusion over the application of the add on policy for P1s.)

**IV. Other Issues**

A. Family Trees

N/A

B. CLASS Hits

N/A

C. RAVU Envelopes

N/A

D. DHS Stamps

N/A

**E. Scheduling**

N/A

**V. Close-Out Partners Meeting**

Both the JVA and CIS team leader agreed to raise the P1 add-on policy at their respective team debriefs.



DHS Team Leader

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
**Libreville, Gabon - DHS/CIS**  
**2/16/07-3/1/07**

Place of Processing: Libreville, Tchibanga, Franceville

Team Composition:

Dates of Processing: 2/20/07-3/1/07

Travel Days: 2/15/07; 3/1/07 & 3/3/07

Processing Venue: UNHCR Offices

Overall Statistics: (Double click on the table below to open Excel Spreadsheet – Input the total case/people values  
– the Percentages will be automatically calculated)

	<b>Scheduled</b>		<b>Approved</b>		<b>Denied</b>		<b>Hold</b>		<b>No Show</b>		<b>Closed</b>	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	84	207	68	165	11	27	5	15	0	0	0	0
Percentage	100.00%		79.71%		13.04%		7.25%		0.00%		0.00%	

Number of cases by priority:

P1: 83

P2: 0

P3: 1

92/93: 0

Cases Placed on Hold:

Miscellaneous: (I-602 waivers; Hold Lifts; Baby Add-ons, etc)

In addition to the above, four re-interviews were conducted on March 1, 2007 in

LIB [REDACTED] These cases were subsequently

scanned into WRAPS for HQ review.

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***I. Processing Partners***A. OPE [redacted]B. UNHCR Libreville [redacted] Protection Officer [redacted]  
[redacted] Franceville: [redacted]C. DOS [redacted] Vice Consul, US Embassy [redacted] Ref Coord,  
US Embassy Accra, accompanied***II. Logistics***

A. Travel Due to circuit ride scheduling changes prompted by violence in Guinea, our arrival date in Gabon was moved up. As to the inquiry of whether Gabon visas need amending to reflect the earlier entry date, Embassy travel office stated via email that official passport holders do not require Gabon visas (despite a contrary statement in the country clearance). The visas were thus left as-is. There were no issues upon arrival.

The team was scheduled to arrive at 11:55 pm on Feb. 15, but instead arrived Feb. 16 at 5:00 am due to an apparent technical problem on Air Ivoire. The team therefore spent the entire evening at the airport and the entire night flying.

An expeditor met the team at the airport, greatly facilitating the entry process. The control officer sent along a welcome note to each CIS and OPE team member, indicating logistical arrangements, the day's schedule, RSO briefing, use of embassy cashier and a dinner invitation.

Internal Gabon travel also required the assistance of an expeditor as it was said that Gabonese security can be tricky to navigate. The internal flights to Franceville and Tchibanga kept reasonably to their schedules but had luggage issues. Both small planes loaded an apparent excess of luggage throughout the aircraft, including the passenger seating areas. Further, a key piece of luggage, the fingerprint equipment, was not loaded onto the plane in Franceville, despite checking it in. The luggage did arrive two days later after much persistence by the travel office staff and the TL.

At the conclusion of the ride, the team was scheduled to leave Libreville on Air France, however significant problems occurred. Notwithstanding Travel Office confirmation of the flight reservations, at the airport, Air France claimed that two of the team members had no reservations on that date, with no explanation. Both members were forced to fly out two days later (after recovery of fingerprint equipment). It would appear that earlier on, when flight reservations were changed due to scheduling adjustments, the original ticket numbers were not applied to the new reservations, but this is unclear.

B. Hotel Accommodations Lodging was provided at [redacted] whose rooms ranged from adequate to nice and included breakfast. The power frequently went out due to rolling blackouts throughout the capital. Upon request, the Embassy travel office managed to arrange direct payment to the hotel, however, the \$300 cash deposits that were required of us individually was refunded only in CFA.

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The half of the team that went to Tchibanga stayed at [REDACTED] which had comfortable rooms. Power outages were also a problem in Tchibanga as the hotel generator often failed. Breakfast was not included in the room price, which was set at the UNHCR rate of about \$42.00 per night.

The team members who went to Franceville stayed at the [REDACTED] reported to be comfortable, air conditioned and inexpensive.

C. Security – Personal Items/Money The [REDACTED] provided money changing services. The TL also used the Embassy cashier to cash personal checks and to change money. The team did not have significant security issues in any of the three locations in Gabon.

D. Work Schedule and Transportation The Embassy arranged for a rental car and driver for the team in LIB. The driver was efficient and prompt but spoke only French. During airport transfers, the Embassy motor pool was provided, along with the expeditor.

UNHCR provided transportation in both Tchibanga and Franceville.

E. Interpreters There were no major issues with interpreters.

### ***III. Caseload Issues***

A. Description of Case Load The team saw all P1 cases, nationals of Congo-Brazzaville.

B. Problems or issues with Case Load Some RRFs appeared to contain language that was cut and pasted from other files but did not apply to the PA. The OPE case summaries did not address this issue, but OPE acknowledged it in the close-out meeting.

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Two instances arose where would-be add-ons did not meet the case composition guidelines but otherwise had access.

C. Trends Observed Many of the cases seen involved PAs fleeing due to civil strife, according to the RRFs, such that individualized harm had to be carefully elicited, or else the claim was solely one of well-founded fear. The predominant nexus was Southern-Congolese origin and ethnicity, usually university educated and politically active.

#### ***IV. Other Issues***

A. Family Trees No issues.

B. CLASS Hits No issues.

C. RAVU Envelopes Not applicable.

D. DHS Stamps No issues.

E. Scheduling No issues.

#### ***V. Close-Out Partners Meeting***

We had an informal dinner on the last night of the circuit ride, attended by CIS, OPE and the Libreville UNHCR protection officer. The issue of the RRFs' formulaic language was brought up. It was suggested that OPE ensure to address all elements of the RRFs in their case histories so as to minimize the potential for inconsistencies.

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
**Location—Kenya DHS/CIS**  
**Dates: January 28, 2008 to February 26, 2008**

Place of Processing:

Nairobi

Team Composition: Team 2/B

1. [Redacted]
2. [Redacted]
3. [Redacted]
4. [Redacted]
5. [Redacted]

Dates of Processing:

From Feb 01, 2008 to Feb 12, 2008.

Travel Days:

Monday 01/28/2008. Leaving Washington DC.

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Processing Venue:

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Overall Statistics:

At the end of this report, please find a comprehensive statistical report about cases processed in Nairobi, Kakuma, and Dadab.

Note: Team 2 (B) listed above processed cases in Nairobi and Kakuma, while team 2 (A) processed in Nairobi and Dadab.

This report lists only cases processed in Nairobi and Kakuma.

I. Processing Partners

A. OPE: Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA) [Redacted] was our team leader in Nairobi, and [Redacted] was the team leader in Kakuma.

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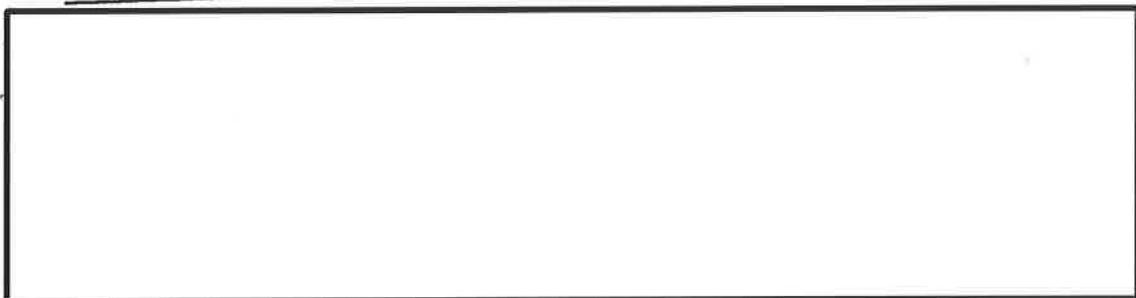
B. UNHCR: Brief meet and greet with the UNHCR representative at Kakuma refugee camp. He informed us about the ongoing repatriation to Southern Sudan. He indicated that Kakuma camp's population went down from 90,000 to 60,000 as a direct result of the repatriation efforts. He further stated they have slowed the process when the Southern Sudanese Government and the local NGOs have requested so because they were not able to absorb the large number of repatriating refugees and provide them with the necessary service at the same time.

## II. Logistics

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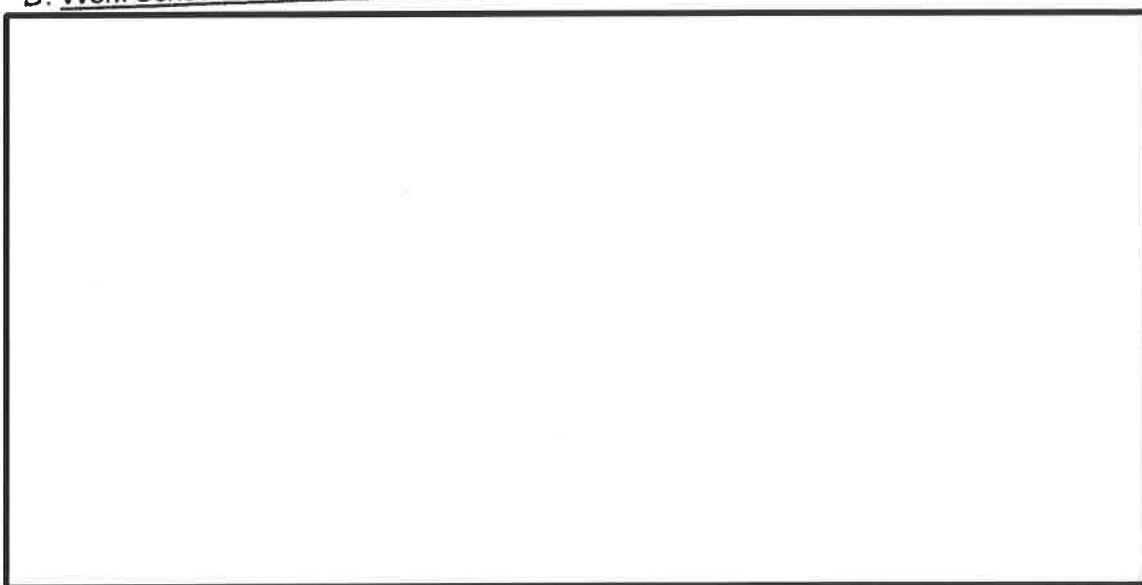
### B. Hotel Accommodations

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### C. Security – Personal Items/Money

No security problems have been reported.

### D. Work Schedule and Transportation

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#### E. Interpreters

1. Team A and B leaders received many complaints about the interpreters. Both team leaders have addressed the issue with JVA leaders. The main complaint was that the interpreters, although many were available at their waiting area, demonstrated lack of motivation to work. They either ignored the interviewing officers completely when they asked for help, or responded reluctantly to such requests. It was quite obvious to all the officers to the extent that they wondered if they working for free.

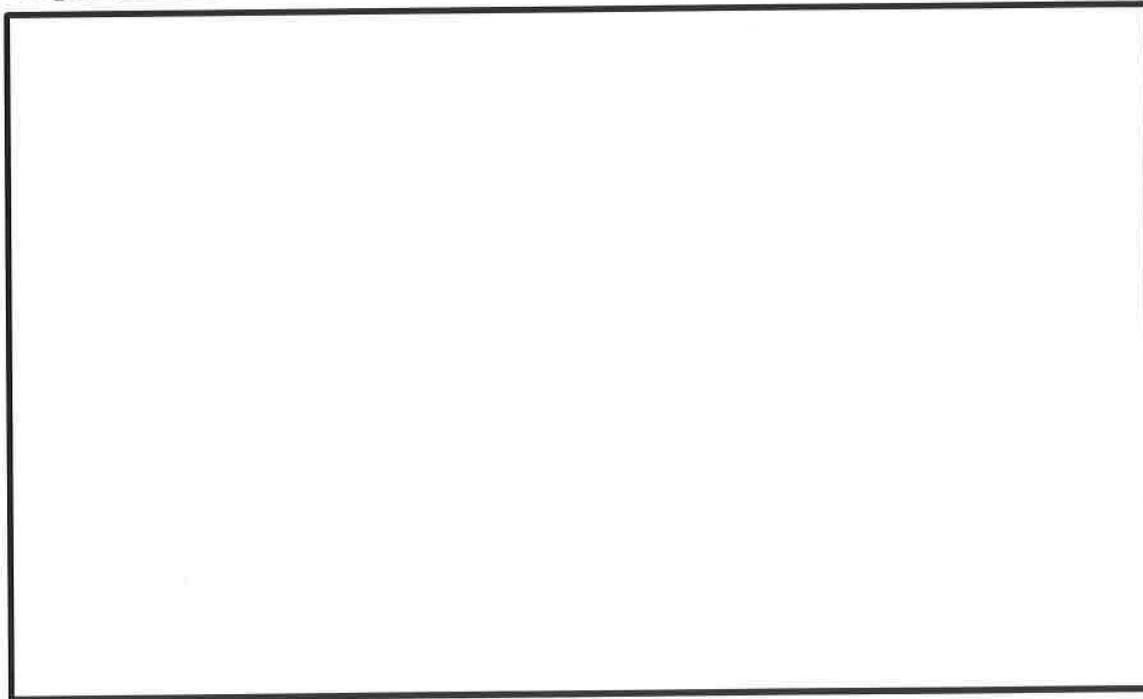
The team leaders have addressed the issue with JVA FTL. They provided specific recommendation to solve the problem; however, the team leaders continued to receive complaints about this issue until the last day in Nairobi.

Note: There were no interpreter problems in Kakuma refugee camp, and no reports of complaints about the interpreters in Dadab.

A team member comment about the interpreters:-

{Throughout both teams circuit rides, they worked in Nairobi twice. On the first visit, several ROs and AOIs noted the interpreters' poor attitudes. Often, when an adjudicator went to "the pen" (where the interpreters are located) to request an interpreter, when the adjudicator asked for a specific language (most often), no interpreter seemed to take note of the request. Rather, the speaker of that language, (who are the majority) appeared to completely disregard the request.}

#### F. Communications



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#### G. Miscellaneous Matters

This circuit ride is different because there were two teams who worked together in Nairobi for a number of days. The two teams split when team A went to Dadaab and team B to Kakuma. The two teams met again in Nairobi and worked together until team B traveled to Zimbabwe on Feb 26, 2008. While in Nairobi, the team leaders shared responsibility and worked in harmony. Team members continued to work with both team leaders and came with their questions and inquiries to whoever was available. It is safe to report that all team members were professional officers. Each one demonstrated high level of professionalism and maturity.

### III. Caseload Issues

#### A. Description of Case Load

Cases in Nairobi:

See statistics at the end of this report.

Summary:

1. 65% of the P3 cases adjudicated between Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> were approved, while 18% were denied.
2. 30% of the P3 cases adjudicated between Feb 20<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> were approved while 38% were denied.
3. [Redacted]
4. Cases in Kakuma were straight forward. Please refer to the statistics at the end of this report.

#### B. Problems or issues with Case Load

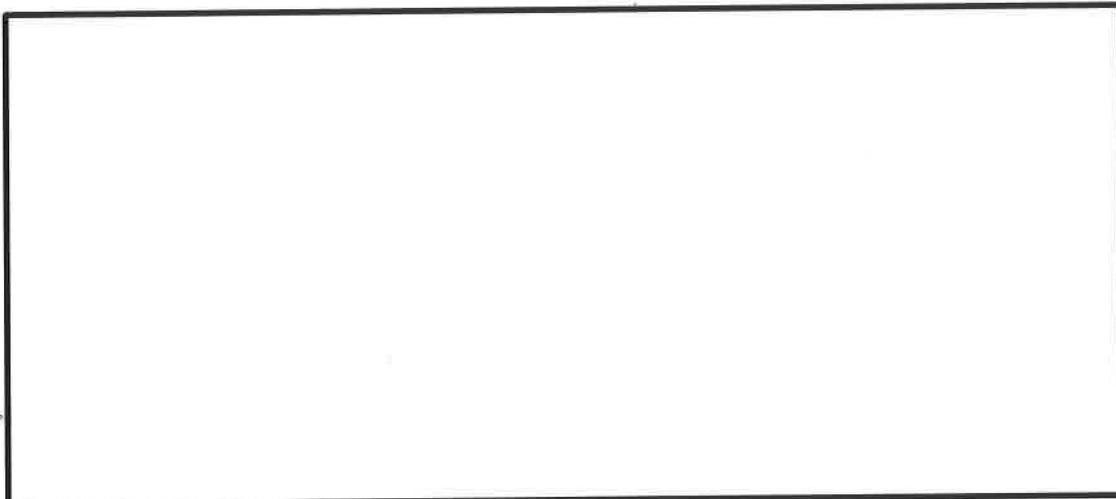
#### C. Trends Observed

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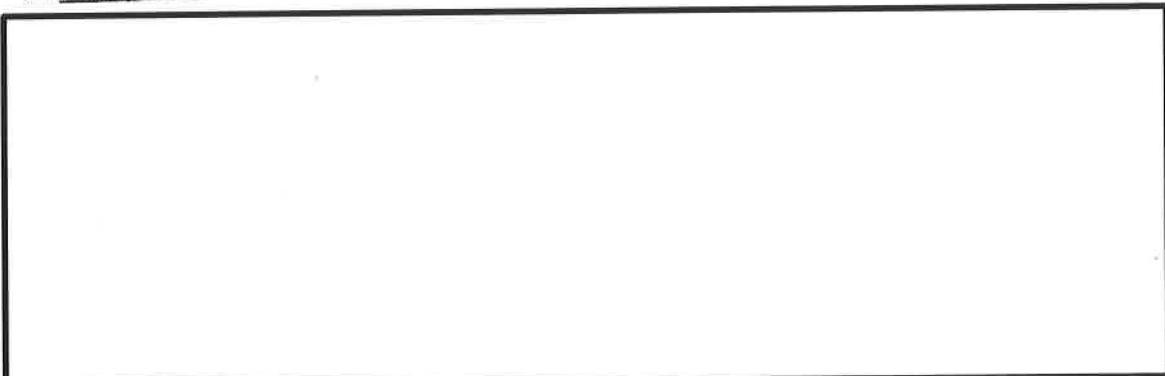
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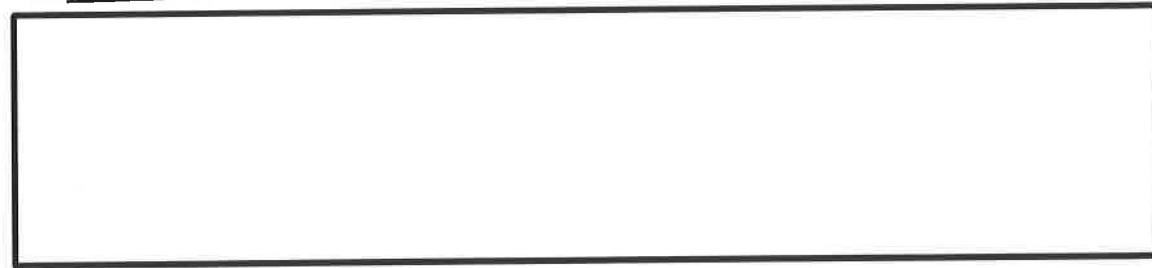
IV. Other Issue



A. Family Trees



B. CLASS Hits



C. RAVU Envelopes

No issues.

D. DHS Stamps

One Asylum Officer reported without the approval stamp. She was allowed to use the team leader's stamp.

E. Scheduling

No issues to report in this area.

F. Other**V. Close-Out Partners Meeting**

No close out meetings were held in Nairobi or Kakuma.

Name /DHS Team Leader

March 31, 2008

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NBO CIS FEB 02 – 08, 2008

	Total	P1	P2	P3	V92	V93	No Show
Scheduled (Cases/ Individuals)	174/362	15/31		159/331	0	0	3/13

NBO CIS FEB 02 – 08, 2008

	Total	P1	P2	P3	V92	V93
Approved	104	1		103		
Denied	33	4		29		
Deferred	3			3		
Hold	9	5		4		
Security (Approved) (Hold)	2	1				
Closed	6			6		
Resched.	17	2		15		

<sup>1</sup> The difference in total cases in table 1 and the total cases in table 2 is as a result of 3 applicants, split from their parent cases to their own cases and were closed. (2 RE-1'S and 1 RE-2).

- 2 1 case was denied for lack of credibility but also had material support issues.  
 3 There were no Visa cases, scheduled on this circuit ride.

CIS DAD FEB 06 - 15 2008

	Total	P1	P2	V93
Scheduled (Cases/ Individuals)	182/408	180/402	1/5	1/1
No show	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0

CIS DAD FEB 06 - 15 2008 Adjudicated Cases

	Totals	P1	P2	V93
Approved	110/206	109/205	0/0	01/01
Denied	33/69	33/69	0/0	0/0
Deferred	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Hold	34/92	34/92	0/0	0/0
Closed	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
Rescheduled	02/18	02/18	0/0	0/0
No show		1/1		
Totals	179/385	1/1		

#### About the statistics

The scheduled cases reflected in Table 7.1 include cases rescheduled for add-on babies. These five cases are not included in table 7.2, since they are not reported in the preliminary results list. Of the five add-on baby cases, 2 cases of 4 individuals were approved and 3 cases of 25 individuals were placed on hold.

The difference between the scheduled and adjudicated cases is due to those five add-on baby re-interview cases (not reflected in adjudicated cases) and three cases added to the circuit ride during processing. The three cases were added as follows:

- 1 One case had to be split from its mother case as an RE-1.
- 2 Another case had been removed from the circuit ride by the scheduling department but since all of the cross-referenced cases were still on the circuit ride, CIS agreed we should add the case back in.
- 3 The third split was a deceased case member who is reflected in the statistics above as a no-show. Note that no cases were no-show. It was only the deceased member (split) that is reflected above as a no-show.

KAK CIS FEB 11 – 15, 2008

	Total	P1	P2	P3	V92	V93
Scheduled (Cases/ Individuals )	72/221	62/171	8/48	0/0	0 / 0	2/2

KAK CIS FEB 11 – 15, 2008 Adjudicated Cases

	Total	P1	P2	P3	V92	V93
Approved	41/78	39/76	1/1	0/0	N/A	1/1
Denied	7/27	5/17	1/7	0/0	N/A	1/1
Deferred	3/12	3/12	0/0	0/0	N/A	0/0
Hold	9/25	8/24	1/1	0/0	N/A	0/0
Closed	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	N/A	0/0
Totals	60/140	55/129	3/9	0/0	N/A	2/2

Please note: The percentages in Table 7.3 refer to the number of cases for each decision, not the number of individuals.

- The discrepancy between the number of cases/individuals scheduled in Table 7.1 and the number of cases/individuals adjudicated in Table 7.2 can be explained by the following: 1. Several Post-CIS add-on baby cases appear on the original schedule but do not appear in the preliminary list as they previously had decisions issued on the preliminary list of an earlier circuit ride.

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NBO CIS 20 – 28 Feb 2008

	Total	P1	P2	P3	V92	V93
Scheduled (Cases/Individuals)	306/641	47/113	0/0	221/490	9/9	29/29

NBO CIS 20 – 28 Feb 2008 Adjudicated Cases

	Total	P1	P2	P3	V92	V93
Approved	110/203	25/50	0/0	66/134	2/2	17/17
Denied	102/266	7/16	0/0	83/238	3/3	9/9
Deferred	4/13	2/8	0/0	1/4	0/0	1/1
Hold	25/72	6/25	0/0	17/45	1/1	1/1
Closed	31/31	0/0	0/0	31/31	0/0	0/0
Reinterview.	22/40	1/8	0/0	23/42	0/0	0/0
Rescheduled	7/9	5/7	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
No Show	8/9	0/0	0/0	4/5	3/3	1/1
Total	309/650	47/114	0/0	224/498	9/9	29/29

- 1 The four CIS deferred cases had material support issues.
- 2 Two cases were rescheduled to a future CIS circuit ride by JVA as one day was overscheduled.
- 3 Five P1 cases were rescheduled because one PA was a no show so the cases had to be deferred back to UNHCR by JVA.
- 4 [Redacted]
- 5 The difference in the 306 cases scheduled and the 309 cases indicated in the tally is as a result of No show applicants on the parent cases being to their own cases. The difference in total individuals is as a result of add-ons/newborn babies.

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
**CHAD May 13th-May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009**

Place of Processing: Abeche, Chad

Team Composition: [REDACTED]

Dates of Processing: May 17-May 21, 2009

Travel Days: May 13, May 16, and May 22.

Processing Venue:

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Overall Statistics:

SCHEDULED		APPROVE		DENIED		HOLD		REFUSED		REFERRED		DEFERRED	
		C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P
39	172	1	1	0	0	20	68	5	31	1	2	11	67

**Cases Placed on Hold:**

-38 cases pending Class and SAO checks. All cases were OPE pre-screened a few days before CIS arrived, so none had cleared prior to adjudication. One case cleared post-interview and was approved while CIS was in the field.

-11 cases placed on hold pending RAD guidance and clarification on polygamy.

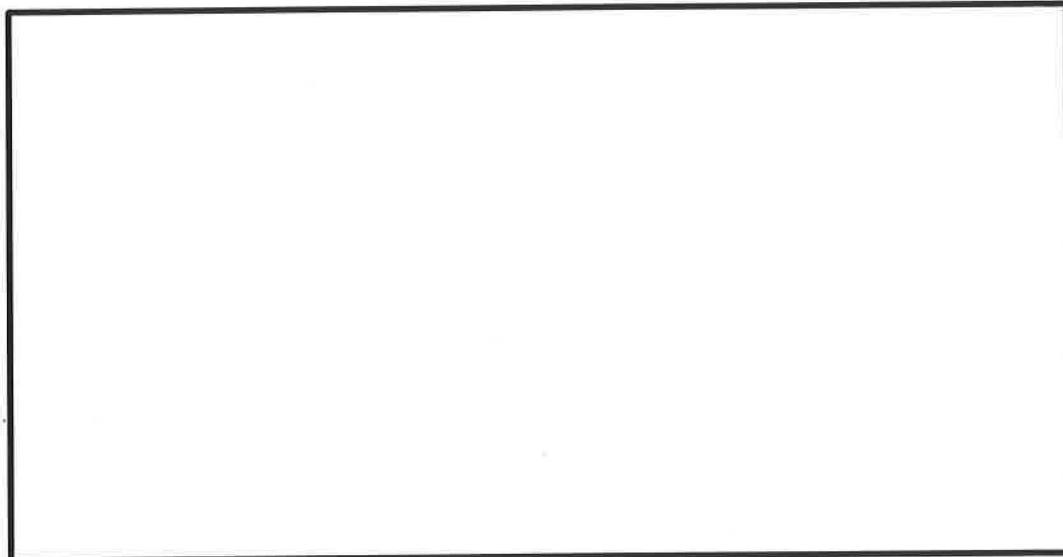
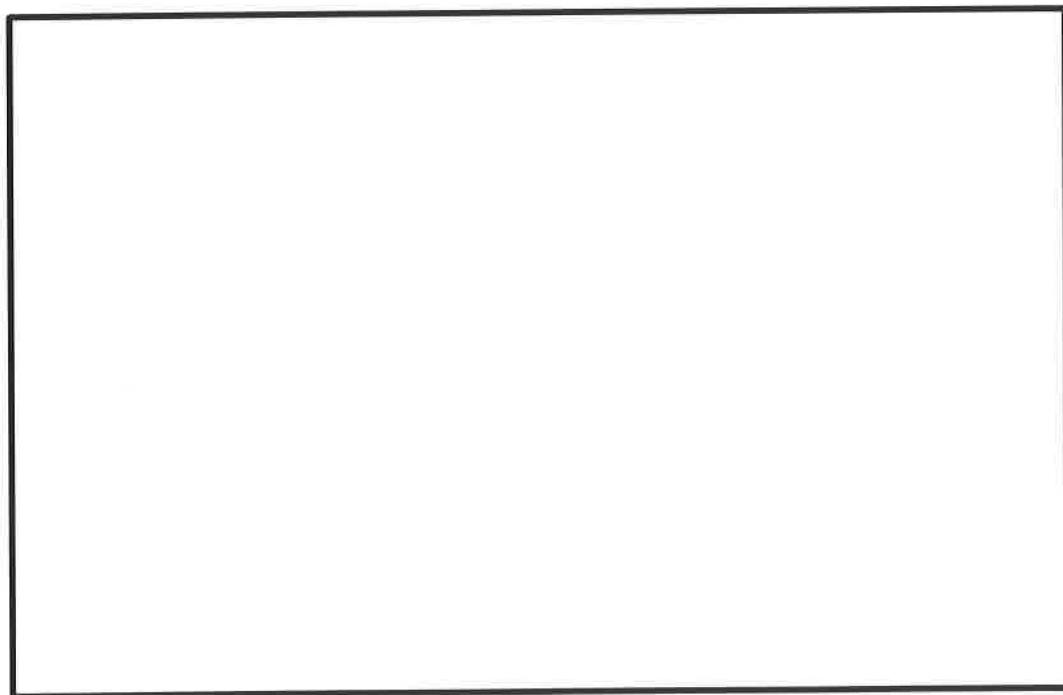
-1 case was put on hold pending material support guidance (the Applicant was detained and forced, under duress, to cook, clean, fetch food and water for Janjaweed).

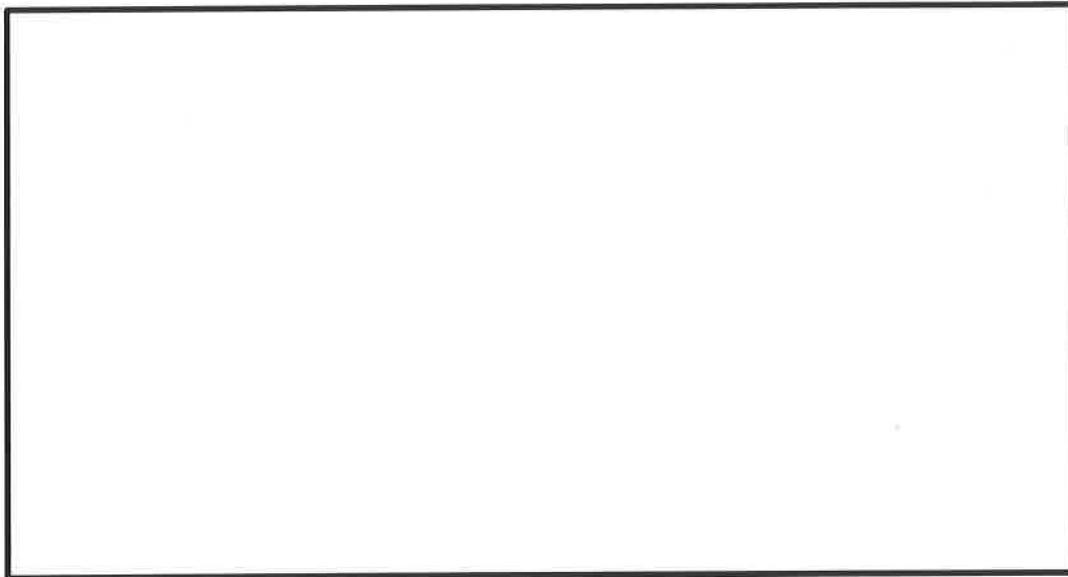
-All cases involving children with only one parent on the case are awaiting English versions of the Release of Custody (ROC)—in this caseload, UNHCR, instead of OPE, obtained ROCs, in French, with no translations included.

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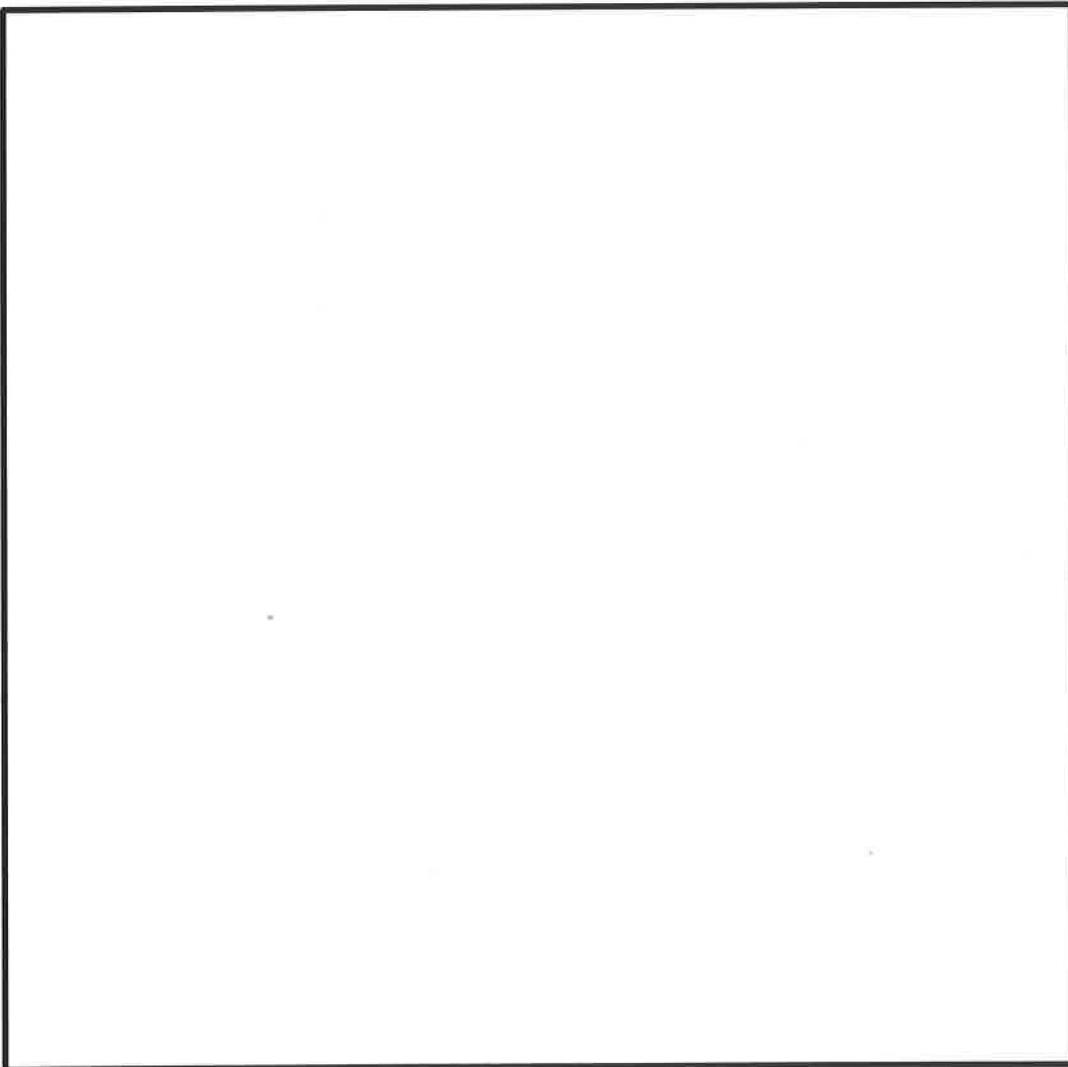
***I. Processing Partners***

- A. OPE – [REDACTED] Field Team Supervisor, Accra, Ghana
- B. UNHCR – [REDACTED] Senior Protection Officer, N'djamena

***II. Logistics*****A. Travel:**A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, used for redacting travel-related information.**B. Accommodations:**A large, empty rectangular box with a black border, used for redacting accommodation-related information.

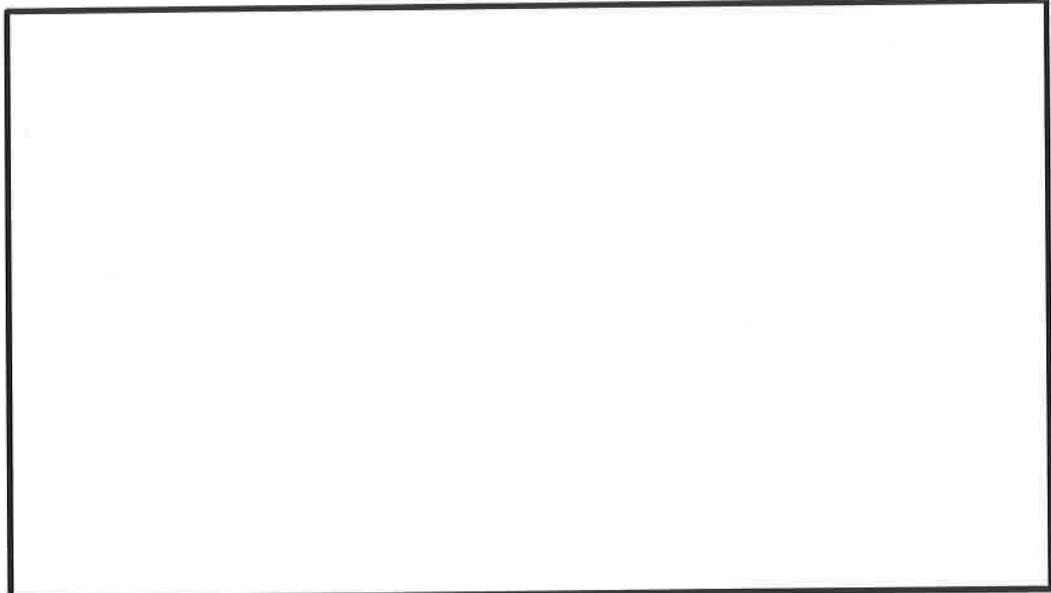


C. Security



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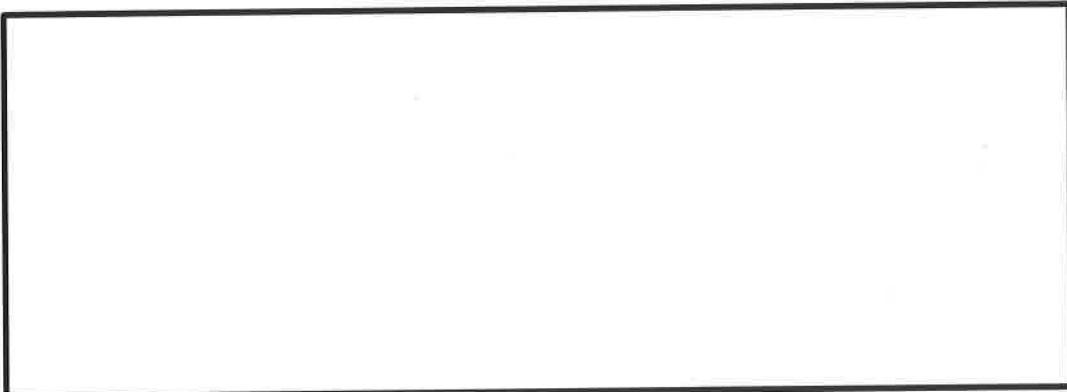
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D. Money:

While credit cards are accepted at some hotels in N'djamena, usage is not recommended by the Embassy. ATM machines are NOT readily available. The day before travel, the Embassy indicated that there is an ATM at the airport, that accepts VISA, but neither one of us saw or used it. There is no access to money exchange in Abeche, so all finances need to be worked out prior to leaving N'djamena. There is no money exchange facility at the airport, so, arrangements need to be made for changing any leftover local currency upon return to N'djamena, prior to departure from Chad.

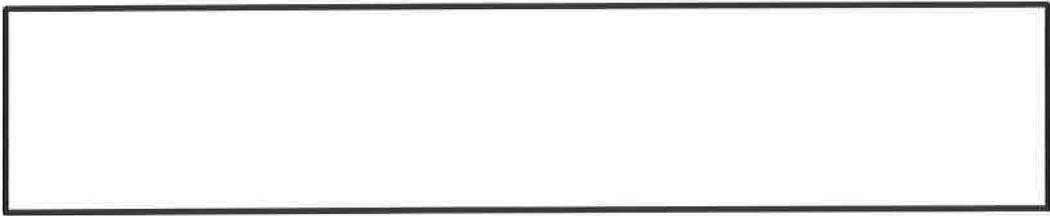
E. Health



F. Transportation:



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G. Food



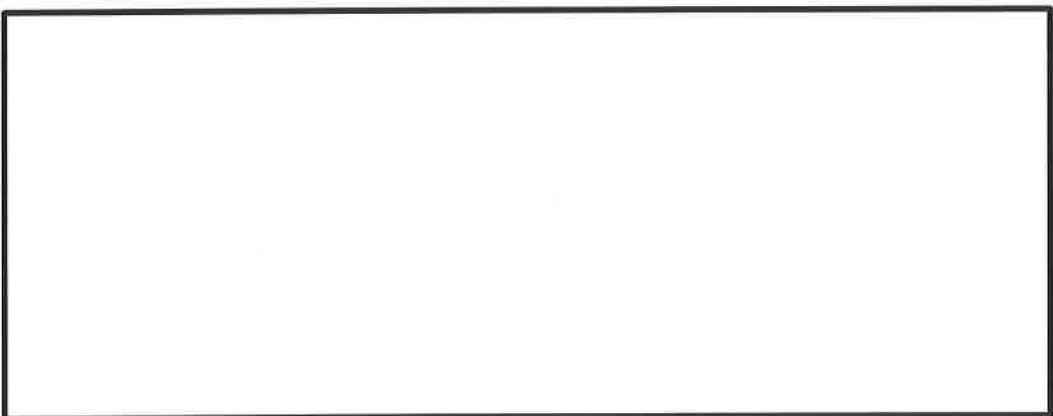
H. Interpreters:

The Arabic interpreters were okay. This was the first time they have done this type of work, so with more experience, they could improve. They also needed to be reminded on several occasions that they need to keep their personal opinions and emotions to themselves. There were no Mosalit interpreters, which proved to be difficult, as we had to use two interpreters--possibly raising credibility issues, and obviously lengthening the time of the interview.

I. Communications:

[REDACTED] Local SIM cards are available for purchase in N'djamena. Credit for the phones can be purchased at the corner store in Abeche.

J. Miscellaneous Matters:



***III. Caseload Issues*****A. Description of Case Load:**

This caseload was P-1 referrals--Darfuri Sudanese. The majority of them spoke Sudanese Arabic, but some Applicants only spoke Mosalit.

**B. Problems or issues with Case Load:**

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Additionally, one applicant was detained by Janjaweed and forced to cook, clean, and fetch water for them, until she was able to escape.

No Class Name Checks or SAOs were cleared at time of interview. One applicant cleared while we were on the ground and was approved.

#### ***IV. Processing Partners***

There was no "final" meeting, although I regularly met with OPE and UNCHR through the circuit ride. Both were most helpful through the entirety. Without their assistance, we would not have been able to complete this Circuit Ride.

#### ***V. Conclusion***

This Circuit Ride, albeit a pilot project, was very poorly organized and not planned well at all. Logistically and procedurally, it was in no way ready to go forward.

- There are quite a lot of issues that need to be resolved prior to sending in DHS teams to process this caseload, in this location.

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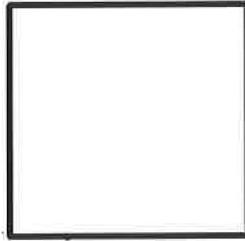
**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
**East Africa – Team 3– DHS/CIS**  
**January 25, 2010 to March 10, 2010**

**Circuit Ride Basics:**

**Processing Site:** East Africa – Kenya and Djibouti

**Team Composition:**

Team Leader:  
RAD Officer:  
RAD Officer:  
RAD Officer:  
RAD Officer:  
RAIO Intern:  
Fingerprints:

**Dates of Processing and Holidays (if applicable):**

January 28, 2010 to March 9, 2010 (President's Day Feb 15, 2010)

**Travel Days:**

January 25 and March 10, 2010

**Processing Venue:**

Nairobi – Jan 28 and 29  
Djibouti – Feb 2 to Feb 16  
Dadaab – Feb 18 to Mar 4  
Nairobi – Mar 8 and 9

**Case Information:****Overall Statistics:**

Scheduled		Approved		Denied		Hold		No Show		Closed	
Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
668	1331	153	187	71	113	419	980	24	50	1	1
100.00%		14.05%		8.49%		73.63%		3.76%		0.08%	

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**Cases Placed on Hold:**

	On Hold		TRIG (Waiver)		TRIG (No Waiver)		HQ Hold		Other		Other	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	419	980	2	2	10	20	40	120	367	838		
Percentage	100.00%		0.20%		2.04%		12.24%		85.51%		0.00%	

Cases of interest representing the norm or the unusual in each hold category:

**Processing Partners:****A. OPE:** Jan 27 and 28 JVA Nairobi Team Leaders - [REDACTED]

These were training days. Coordination was good. JVA was requested to not schedule large cross-referenced cases on training days.

**Feb 1 to Feb 17 JVA Djibouti Team Leader:** [REDACTED]

Except for one Ethiopian refugee interpreter who should not have been working with USCIS because he had a resettlement case, there were no other issues in Djibouti. JVA had the casework well-prepared, and the teams coordinated well together.

**Feb 18 to March 5 JVA Dadaab Team Leader:** [REDACTED]

Recommend JVA be requested to schedule large x-ref cases for full interview days when the officers are expected to complete at least six (6) cases each.

The work proceeded well in Dadaab. The JVA team and our team coordinated well together. JVA assisted with the special fingerprint project on Saturday, Feb 27.

**March 8 and March 9 JVA Team Leader:** [REDACTED]

There were only two (2) processing days in Nairobi prior to departure. The team was fully supported by the JVA TL and her team.

**B. UNHCR**

In Djibouti, I was able to provide UNHCR a de-briefing of the USCIS processing on Feb 16. Present at the briefing were the senior and two (2) Assistant Protection Officers and the US Embassy Consul General. The Protection Officers said that HCR office has more than doubled in size since 2001, and that the focus is on resettlement because Djibouti is a small country with very limited resources that make local integration almost impossible.

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(b)(7)(e) At Dadaab, I paid a courtesy visit to UNHCR Head of Sub-Office [REDACTED] on Feb 26. I thanked him for HCR support of our mission, and told him that the majority of the cases HCR referred for US Resettlement were recommended for [REDACTED]

I also met with UNHCR/Dadaab Resettlement Officer [REDACTED] on March 2, 2010, for a de-brief on USCIS processing and other issues. I told him most of the Somali "long stayer" cases were recommended for approval, but had to be placed on [REDACTED]. I remarked that identity and relationship fraud seem to have diminished substantially from the levels in previous years. He attributed this in part to the DNA Pilot.

#### C. IOM

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] These functions have been well-documented in previous reports.

#### D. DOS:

We received a thorough security briefing from RSO at both Nairobi and Djibouti Embassies. I paid a courtesy call to Ambassador Swan in Djibouti to thank him for DOS support of our mission. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The Embassy Medical Unit also provided support.

#### E. Other:

[REDACTED]  
The USCIS Office in Nairobi provided excellent logistical support in every respect. Acting FOD Sonia Gulati gave an excellent briefing on African processing and the caseloads and issues current in the region.

#### Interpreters:

JVA arranged for interpreters at all processing venues. They were competent overall.

#### F: Close-out Partners Meeting: None

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*RAD Internal Report*

**Overseas Communication Folder:**

Contains TRIG inadmissibilities spreadsheet

**Caseload Issues:**

**Description of caseload:**

The Nairobi caseload was P1 Somali and Ethiopian cases and V92/93 cases. The Djibouti caseload was P1 Eritrean (most cases), Somali, Ethiopian, and two Yemeni cases. The Dadaab caseload was almost completely P1 Somali cases (with a handful of Ethiopian cases).

**Trends Observed:**

**Suspected Fraud Trends:**

**NBO (Jan 28 & 29, 2010)**

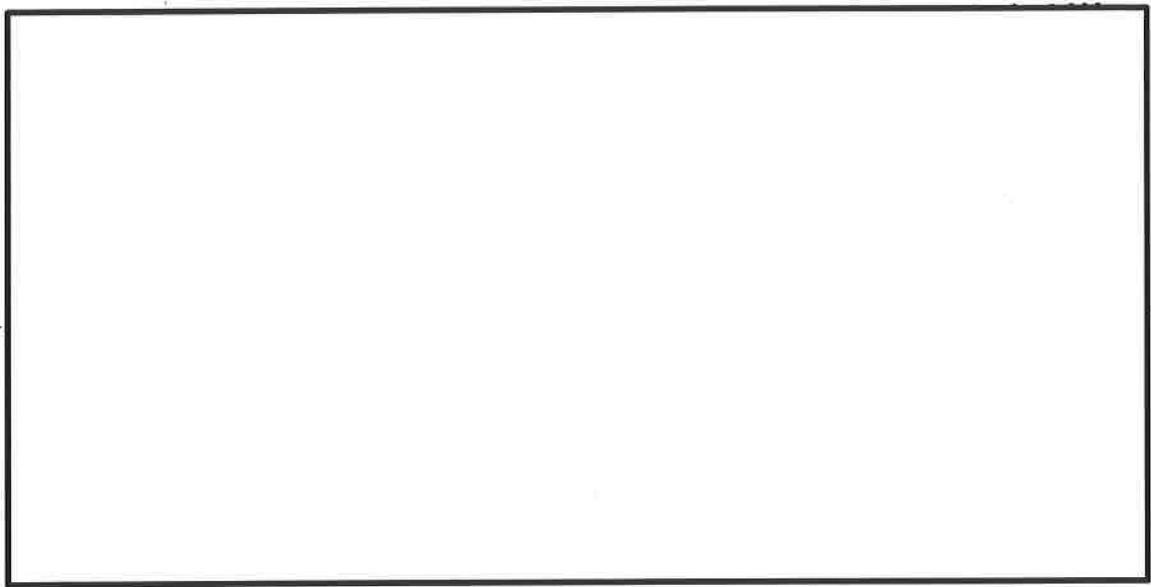
**DJIBOUTI (Feb 1 to Feb 16, 2010)**

No fraud trends noted.

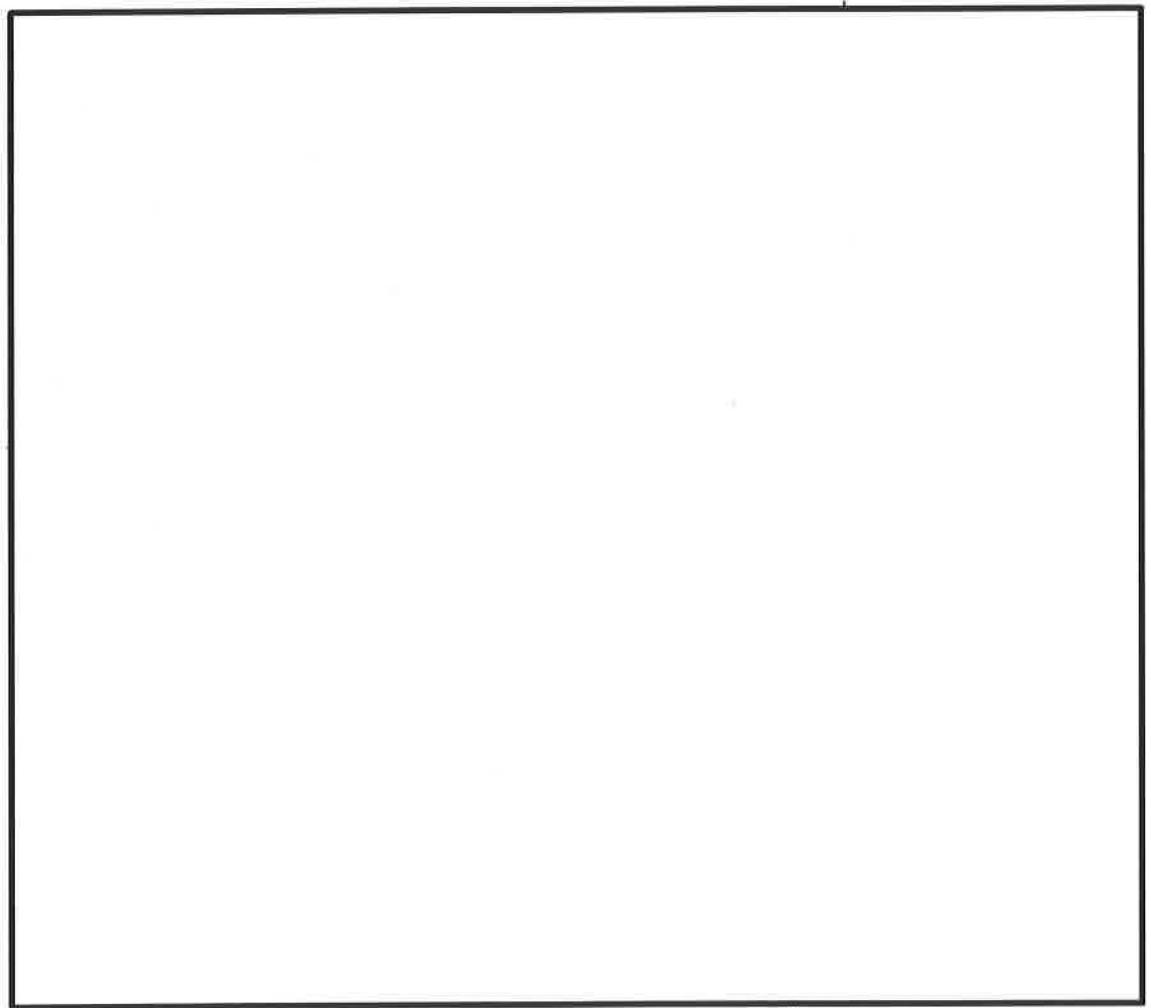
There were a few cases that were re-submitted by HCR with new RRFs that had been previously approved by INS in June 2001, but had been closed during subsequent years. Most were again approved, but there were a couple credibility denials in which the persecution stories changed substantially from when they were first presented in 2001.

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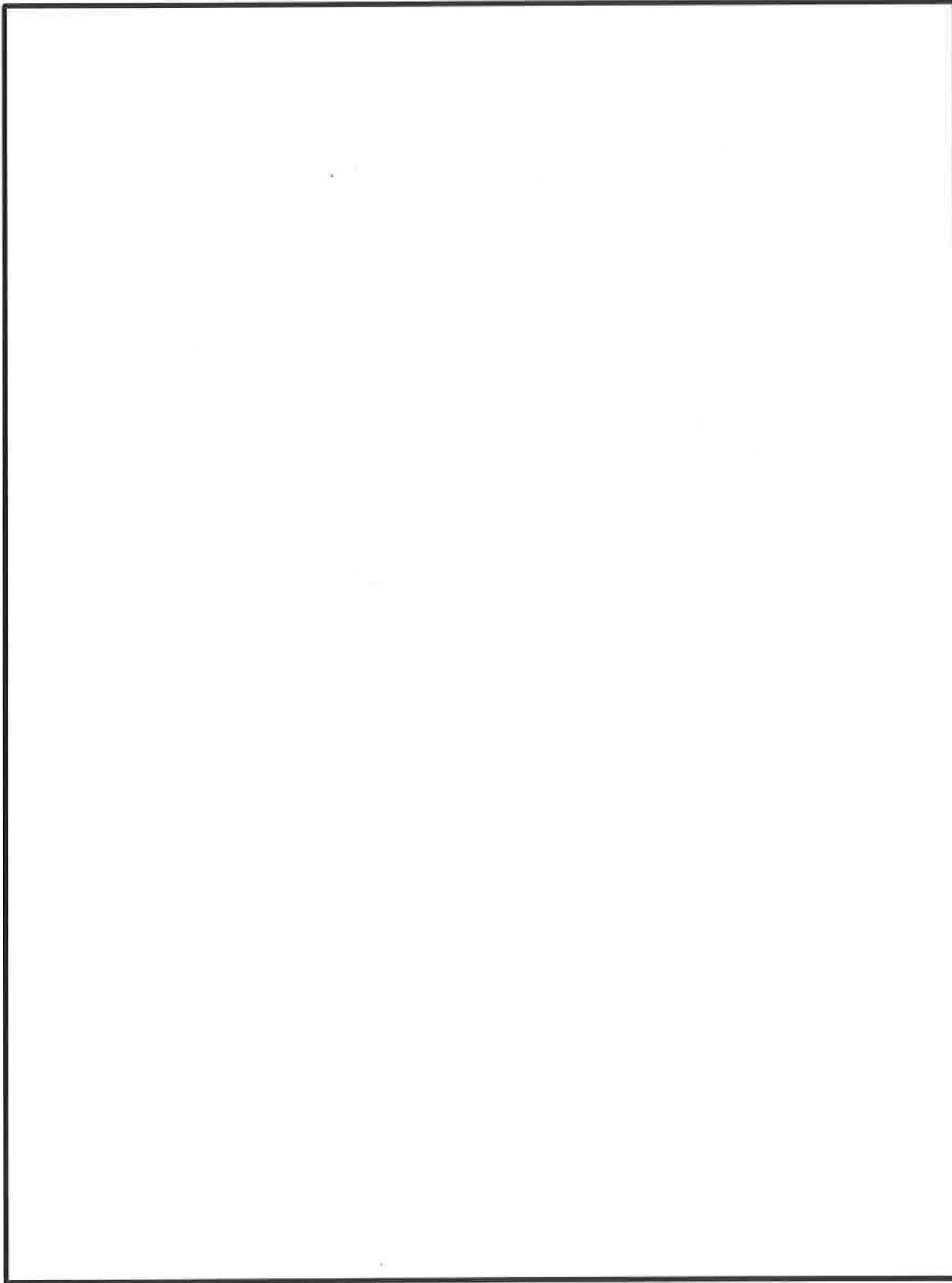


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NAIROBI (March 8 & 9)

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**Other trends and issues observed during the Circuit Ride:**

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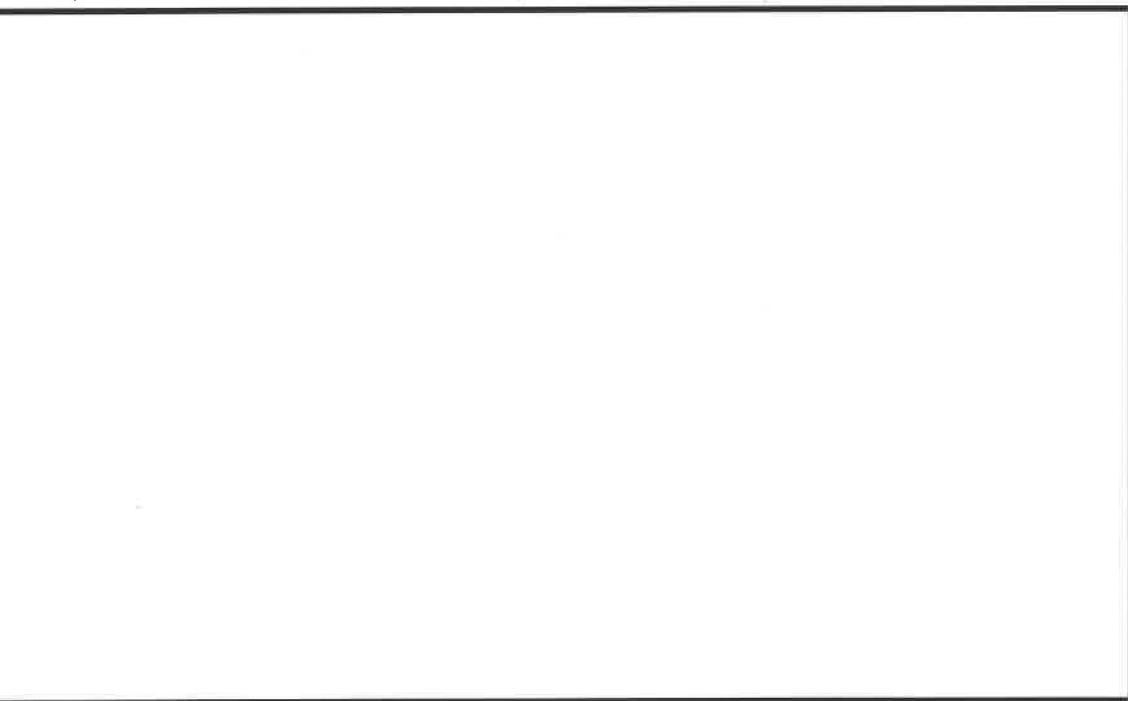
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**Follow-Up Training, Policy, and Research Needs:**

**Training:**

None

**Policy Guidance:**



**Research (Country Conditions, etc.):**

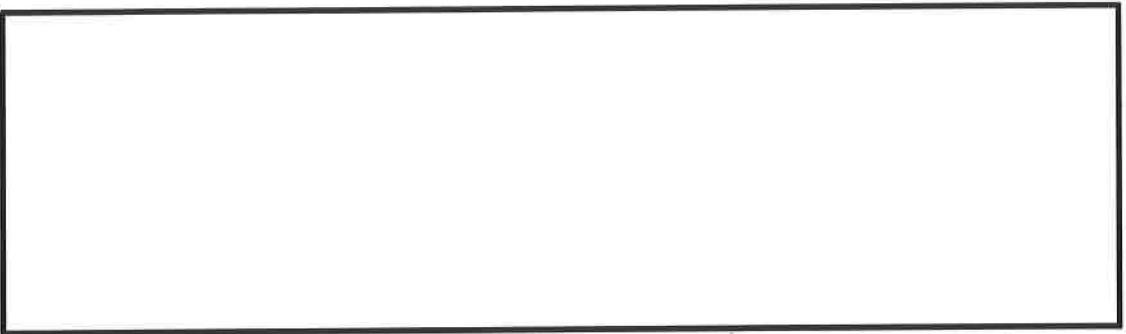
In preparation for this circuit ride, several of the officers found the UK Home Office country conditions papers to be very helpful. They profile the typical claims from refugee source countries, and provide a wealth of information and detail. The recommendation is for RAD to also produce similar profile documents.



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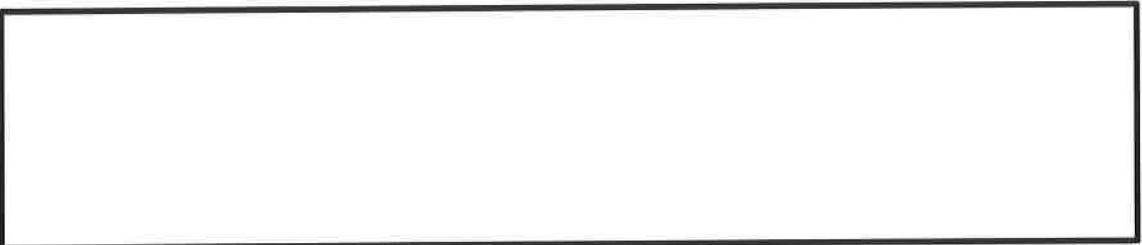
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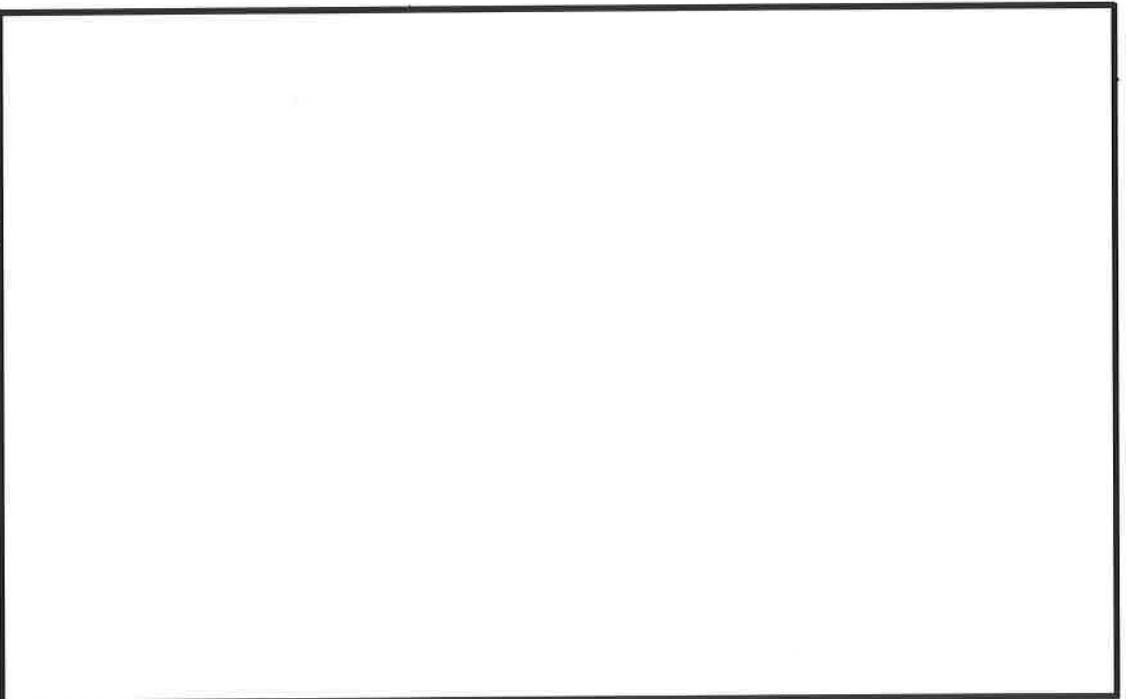
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**Logistics:**

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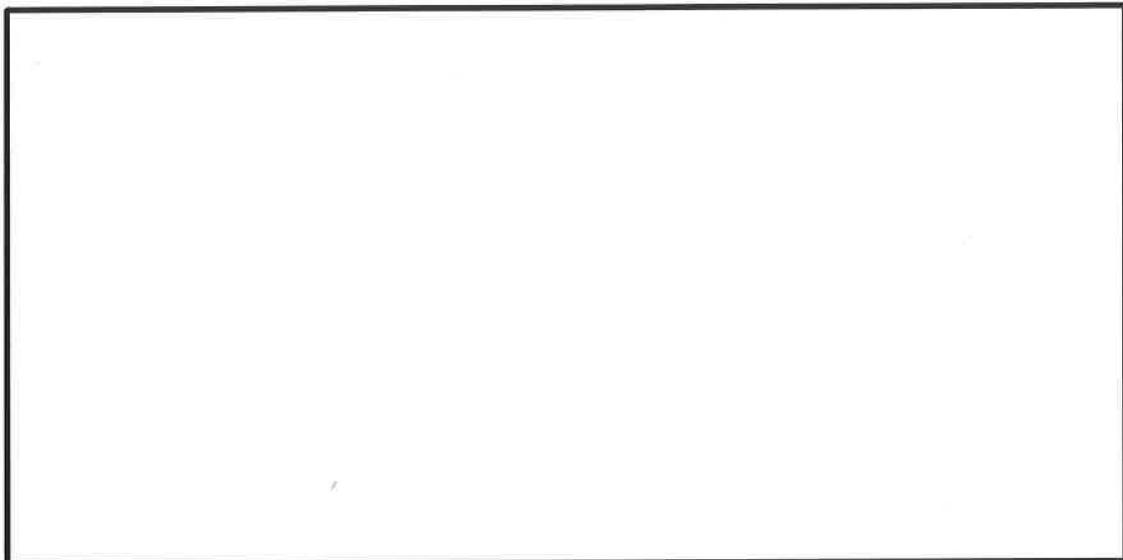
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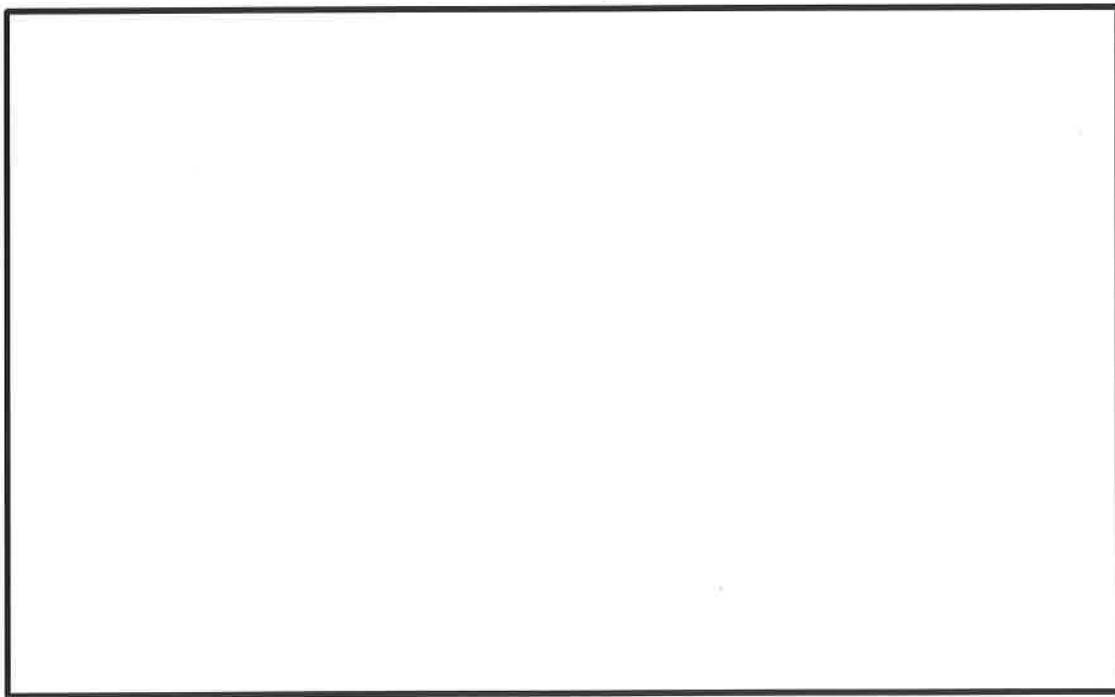
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**Work Schedule and Transportation:**



**Communications:**



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**Miscellaneous Matters:****A. OPE**

JVA invariably did a good job completing family trees.

JVA said it would try not to schedule large cross-reference cases for USCIS training days (typically, the first 2-3 days of any new caseload during a circuit ride).

**B. CLASS Hits****C. DHS Stamps**

The one Management Intern on the team did not have any stamps. Team Leader used his own for this officer's decisions. RAD Desk Officers should ensure refugee circuit riders from other than RAD programs have stamps prior to departing on circuit rides.

**D. Scheduling**

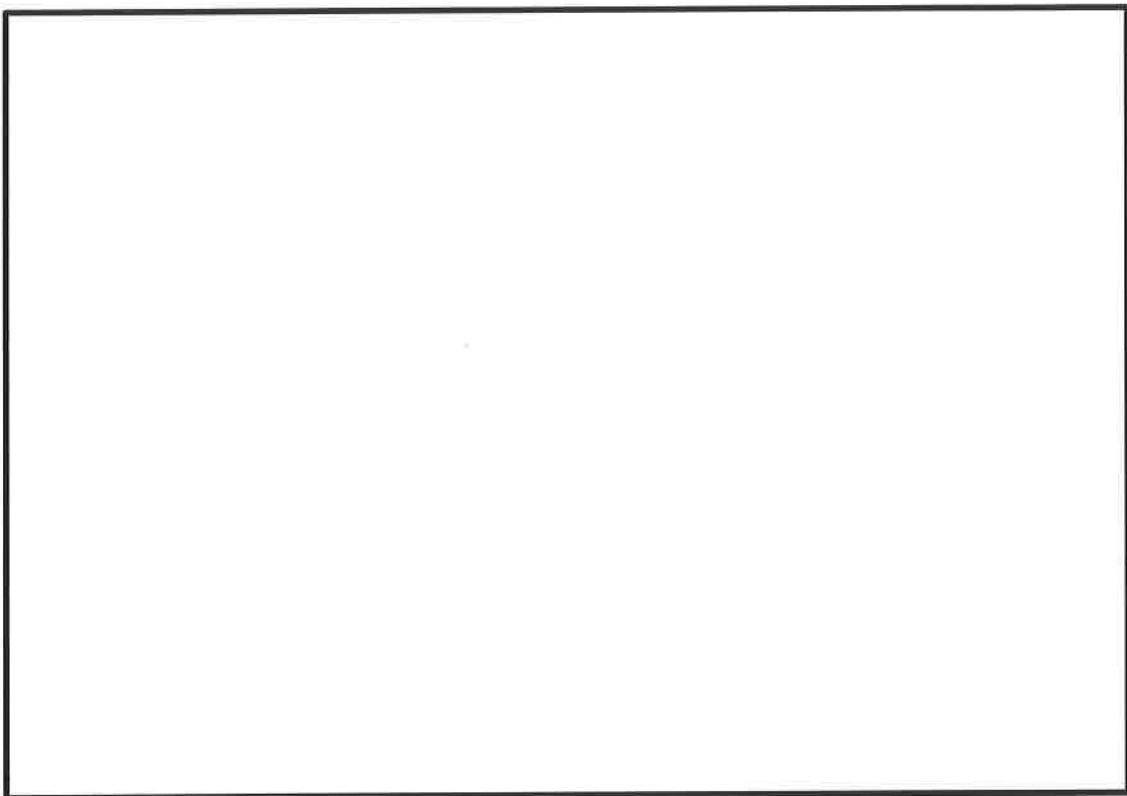
It is recommended that RAD consider allowing Team Leaders more flexibility in working local logistics in the field.

**Security/Personnel Issues:**

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Trip Report Author: [REDACTED] Supervisory Refugee Officer

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
*East Africa - Ethiopia*  
*March 17th, 2011 – April 27, 2011*

**Circuit Ride Basics:**

Processing Site: Nairobi, KE / Axum, ET / Dire Dawa, ET

**Team Composition:**

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**Dates of Processing:**

3/17 – 3/24 Nairobi

3/30 – 4/11 Axum

4/13 – 4/13 Addis

4/15 – 4/28 Dire Dawa

Jun 8 – 15 Nairobi

Travel Days: 3/25, 3/29, 4/12, 4/14, 4/28

**Processing Venue:**

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**Case Information:** Processed multiple BID cases, V-92 & 93's, cleared all available hold lifts, and P-2's

**Overall Statistics:**

	Scheduled		Approved		Denied		Hold		No Show		Closed	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	778	1389	387	506	10	18	349	809	32	56	0	
Percentage	100.00%		36.43%		1.30%		58.24%		4.03%		0.00%	

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**Cases Placed on Hold:**

	On Hold		TRIG (Waiver)		TRIG (No Waiver)		HQ Hold		Other		Other	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	349	809	0	0	0	0	12	34	337	775		
Percentage	100.00%		0.00%		0.00%		4.20%		95.80%		0.00%	

Cases of interest representing the norm or the unusual in each hold category:

The rest are pending Class  
and/or SAO checks.**Processing Partners:**

A. OPE: [REDACTED] Deputy Director OPE in Nairobi

B. UNHCR: N/A

C. DOS: N/A

D. Other (e.g., USCIS-IO, ICE Embassy Attaché): [REDACTED] FOD NBO

**Interpreters:** Interpreters were selected by JVA. The Interpreters were well versed in the English language and appeared to interpret effectively and accurately. No problems with interpreters occurred during this circuit ride.

**Close-Out Partners Meeting:** No close out meeting with JVA occurred or IOM.

***RAD Internal Report*****Overseas Communication Folder:****Caseload Issues:****Description of caseload:**

NBO - P1 referrals, Visa 92/93's, Hold lifts  
Axum, ET - P2 Referrals from Eritrea  
Dire Dawa ET - P1 Referrals from Somalia

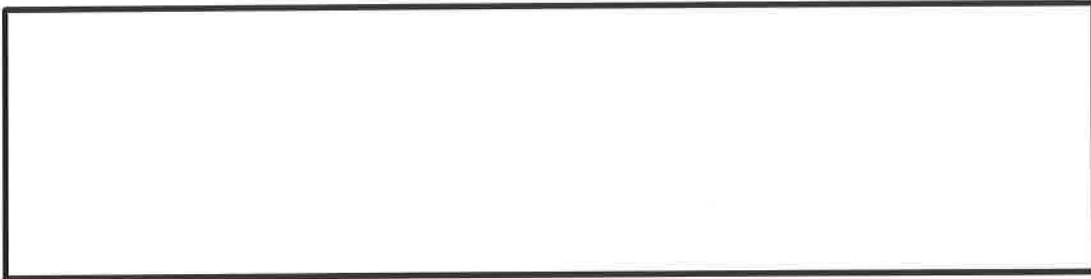
**Trends Observed:** BID cases. Cases were traced by ICRC.

**Suspected Fraud Trends:**

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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Cases and type(s) of fraud suspected: See above for trend. Case numbers are ET131073, ET132320, ET132322, ET129175, ET129176, ET130245

Other trends and issues observed during the Circuit Ride: N/A

Follow-Up Training, Policy, and Research Needs:

Training: As stated in previous reports, the current RAD training program appears to be working well. The vast majority of the cases that were returned to officers for correction were due to errors in non-substantive matters such as missing forms, signatures, or annotations. Overall, the cases were well done and the officers demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the information necessary to make legally sufficient decisions.

Policy Guidance: no issues with policy guidance.

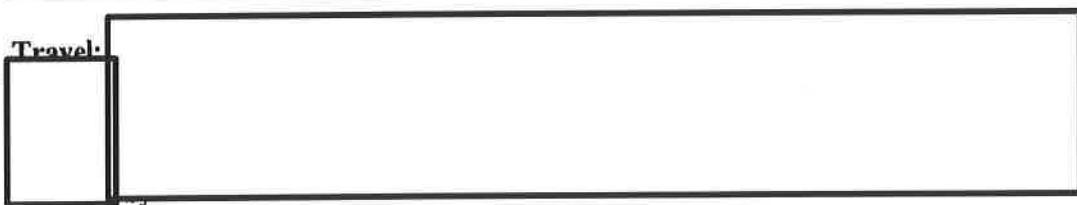
Research (Country Conditions, etc.):

Primarily processed Eritreans and Somalis. No issues regarding country conditions or research.

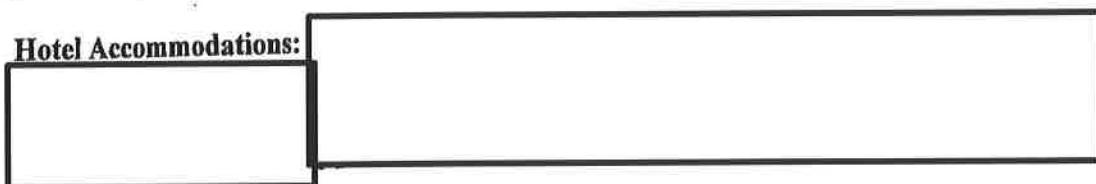
Logistics:



Travel:



Hotel Accommodations:



Security – Personal Items/Money: No issues.

Work Schedule and Transportation: No issues.

Communications: See logistics above

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**Miscellaneous Matters: None**

**Trip Report Author:** 

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report**  
**Location- DHS/CIS**  
**Dates**

Place of Processing: San Jose, Costa Rica; Quito, Ecuador

Team Composition: San Jose, Costa Rica:



Quito, Ecuador:

(Team Leader, Mentor)



Dates of Processing: San Jose, Costa Rica – 12/5/08 to 12/11/08  
 Quito, Ecuador – 12/15/08 to 12/18/08

Travel Days: 12/4/08 – [redacted] to San Jose, Costa Rica via Miami  
 12/11/08 – [redacted] return to Washington, DC  
 12/12/08 – [redacted] from San Jose to Bogota, Colombia, short layover,  
 then to Quito, Ecuador  
 12/14/08 – [redacted] from Washington DC to Quito, Ecuador, via Miami  
 12/19/08 – [redacted] from Quito to Washington DC via Miami

Processing Venue:



Overall Statistics:

San Jose, Costa Rica:

	Scheduled Cases	Approved Cases/Indiv.	Denied Cases/Indiv.	HOLD Cases/Indiv.	Closed Cases/Indiv.	No Show
Total Number	15	7/16	4/7	4/5	0	0
Percentage	100	46	27	27	0	0

Number of cases by priority:

P1: 15

P2: 0

P3: 0

Visas 92/93: 0

Cases Placed on Hold: 4

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Quito, Ecuador:

	Scheduled Cases	Approved Cases/Indiv.	Denied Cases/Indiv.	HOLD Cases/Indiv.	Closed Cases/Indiv	No Show
Total Number	15	7/11	5/10	0	0	3*
Percentage	100	47	33	0	0	20*

\* One case involved a minor niece of the principal applicant and required a UNHCR BID before an interview could be conducted. Although UNHCR completed the BID on the last day of interviews, there was not sufficient time to conduct the interview on the last day.

## Number of cases by priority:

P1: 15

P2: 0

P3: 0

Visas 92/93: 0

Cases Placed on Hold: 0

***I. Processing Partners***OPE

IOM Costa Rica - [REDACTED]

IOM Ecuador - [REDACTED]

***II. Logistics***A. Travel

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**B. Hotel Accommodations**

Costa Rica -

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Ecuador -

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**C. Security – Personal Items/Money**

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**D. Work Schedule and Transportation**

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**E. Interpreters**

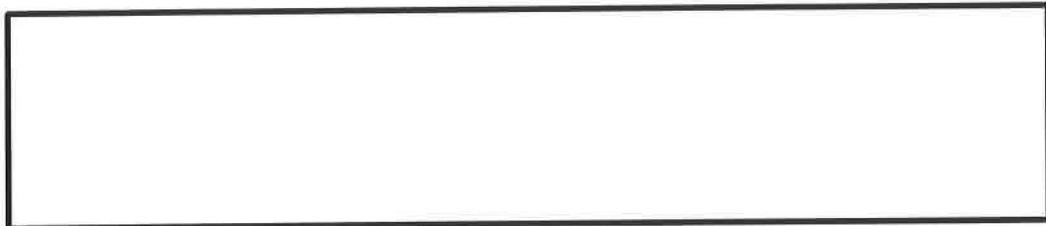
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No issues or concerns.

**F. Communications**

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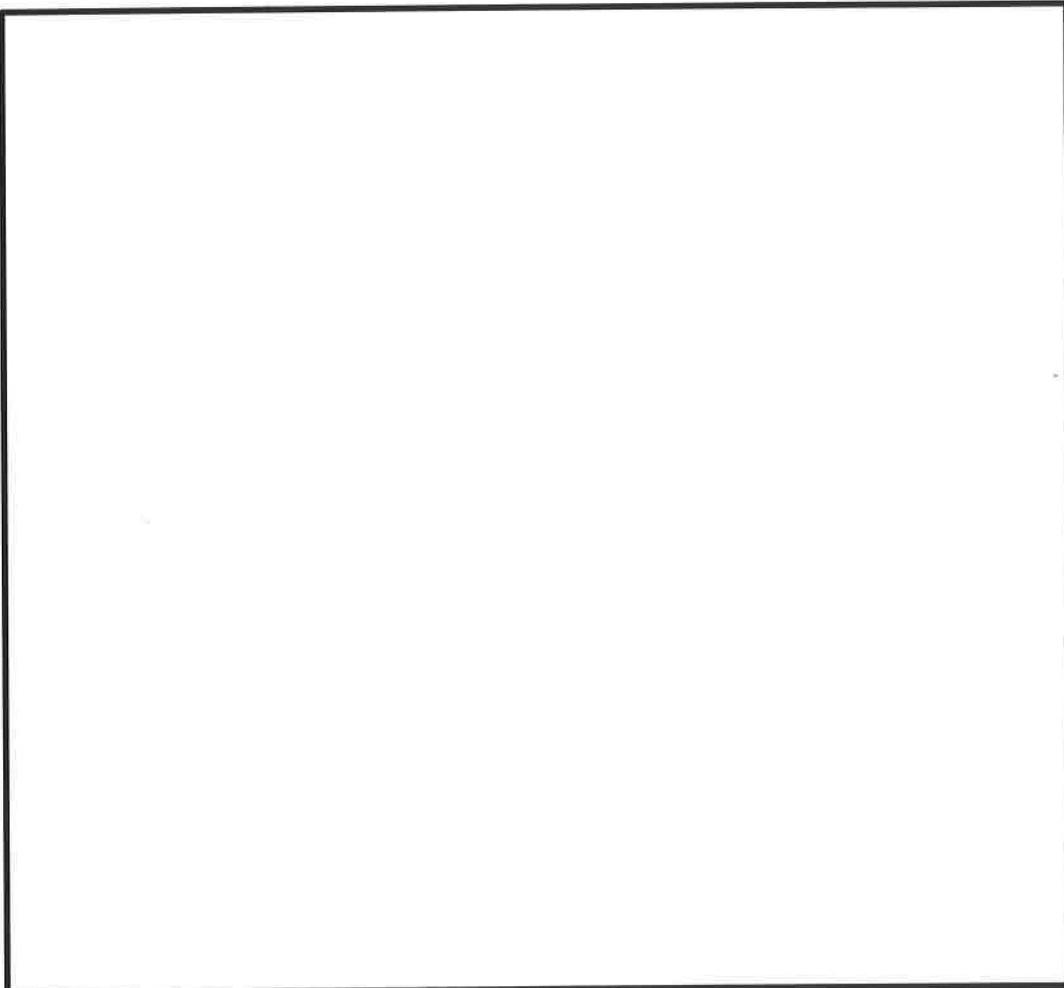
**G. Miscellaneous Matters**

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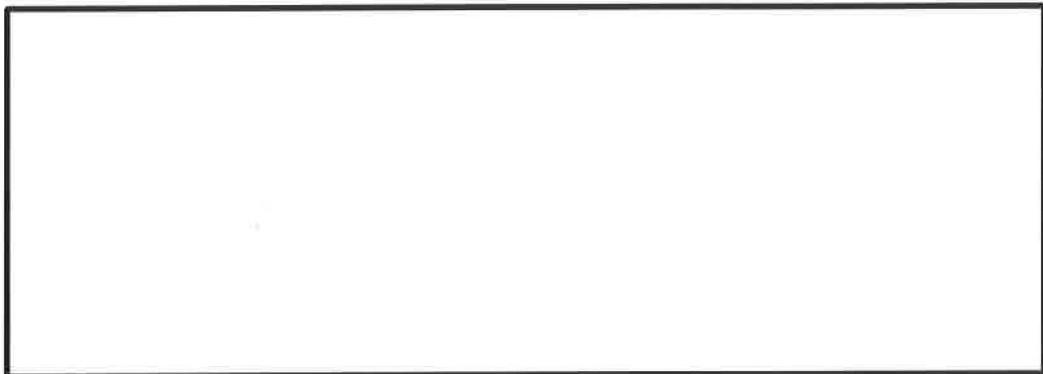
***III. Caseload Issues***

**A. Description of Case Load**

Costa Rica:

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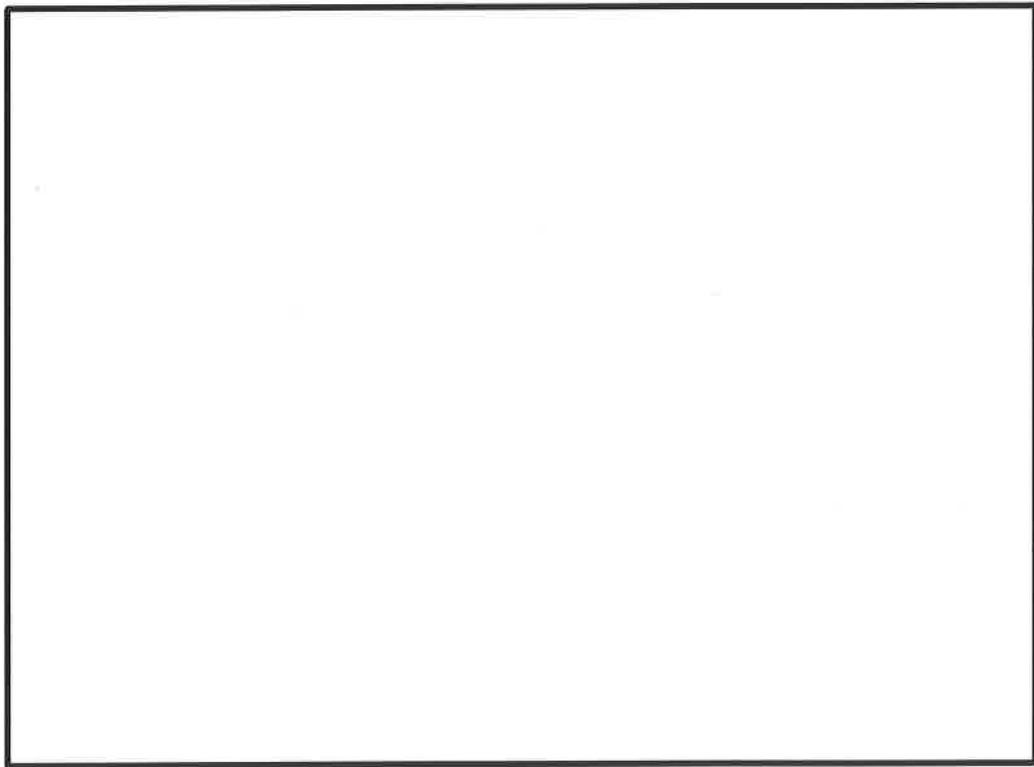
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Ecuador:

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**B. Problems or issues with Case Load/Trends Observed**

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***IV. Other Issues***

**A. Family Trees**

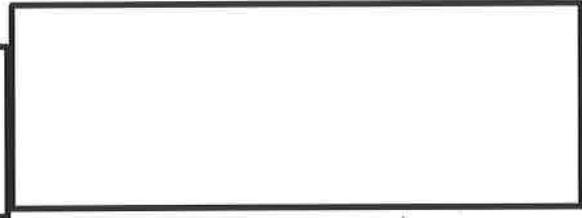
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No issues

B. CLASS Hits

Three CLASS hits were encountered.



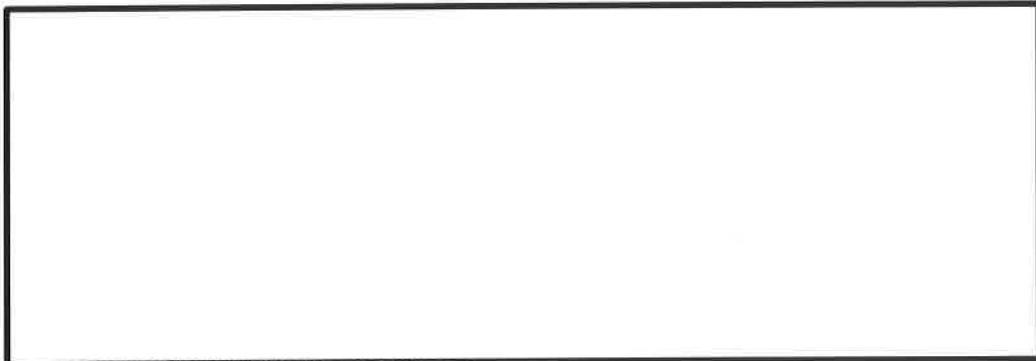
C. RAVU Envelopes

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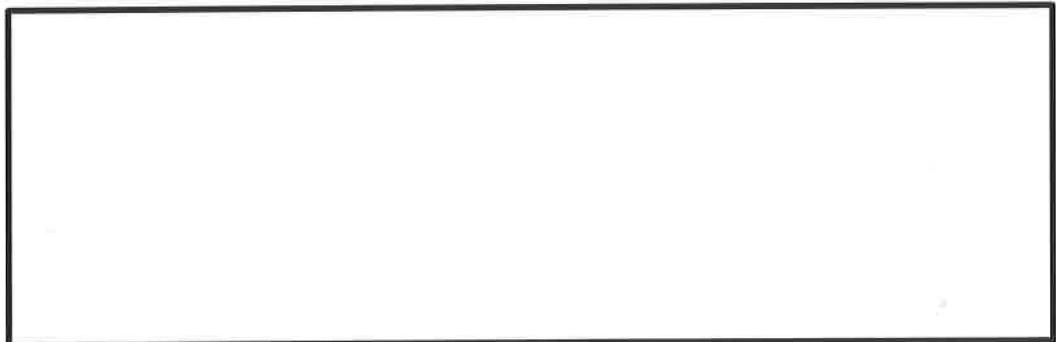
D. DHS Stamps

I was the only officer with an approval stamp, as the other officers were new to RAD and had not yet been assigned their stamps.

E. Scheduling



**V. Close-Out Partners Meeting**



[REDACTED] /DHS Team Leader/Mentor

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**Refugee Processing Trip Report  
DHS / USCIS**

**Place of Processing:** Quito, Ecuador  
San Jose, Costa Rica

**Team Composition:** Quito, Ecuador

	Team leader / Mentor Refugee Officer Refugee Officer
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**Dates of Processing:** Quito, Ecuador: 05/19/2009 – 06/01/2009  
San Jose, Costa Rica: 06/04/2009 – 06/08/2009

**Travel Days:**

	to Quito, Ecuador via Miami - 05/18/2009 to Miami via Guayaquil, Ecuador and San Jose, Costa Rica - 06/02/2009 to Costa Rica via Miami - 06/03/2009 to Washington, DC via Miami - 06/09/2009
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	to Quito, Ecuador via Miami - 05/18/2009 to Washington, DC via Miami - 05/23/2009
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	to Quito, Ecuador via Miami - 05/18/2009 to Washington, DC via Miami - 05/23/2009
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**Processing Venue:**

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**Case Statistics:**

Quito, Ecuador:

	Scheduled Cases	Approved Cases/Indiv.	Denied Cases/Indiv.	HOLD Cases/Indiv.	Closed Cases/Indiv	No Show
Total Number	32	14/31	17/27	1/3	0	0
Percentage	100	43.75%	53.13%	3.12%	0	0

Number of cases by priority: All Cases presented were P1

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San Jose, Costa Rica:

	Scheduled Cases	Approved Cases/Indiv.	Denied Cases/Indiv.	HOLD Cases/Indiv.	Closed Cases/Indiv.	No Show/Indiv.
Total Number	10	2/3	7/12	0/0	1/1	0/0
Percentage	100	20.0%	70.0%		10.0%	

Number of cases by priority: All cases presented were P1

Closed: Colombian national stated during his interview that he had in fact been dishonest and his persecution claim was in fact not true. The applicant had a pending I-130 application based on a family member petition. Applicant was given the opportunity to withdrawal his refugee claim. Applicant decided to withdrawal his refugee claim. Applicant completed the withdrawal request.

**Processing Partners:** IOM Ecuador - [REDACTED]  
IOM Costa Rica - [REDACTED]

**Hotel Accommodations:** Ecuador [REDACTED]  
Costa Rica - [REDACTED]

**Security:** No security issues

**Work Schedule:** Ecuador 0800 - 1630  
Costa Rica 0800 - 1630

**Transportation:** [REDACTED]

**Interpreter:** No interpreters were used in Quito, Ecuador or San Jose, Costa Rica

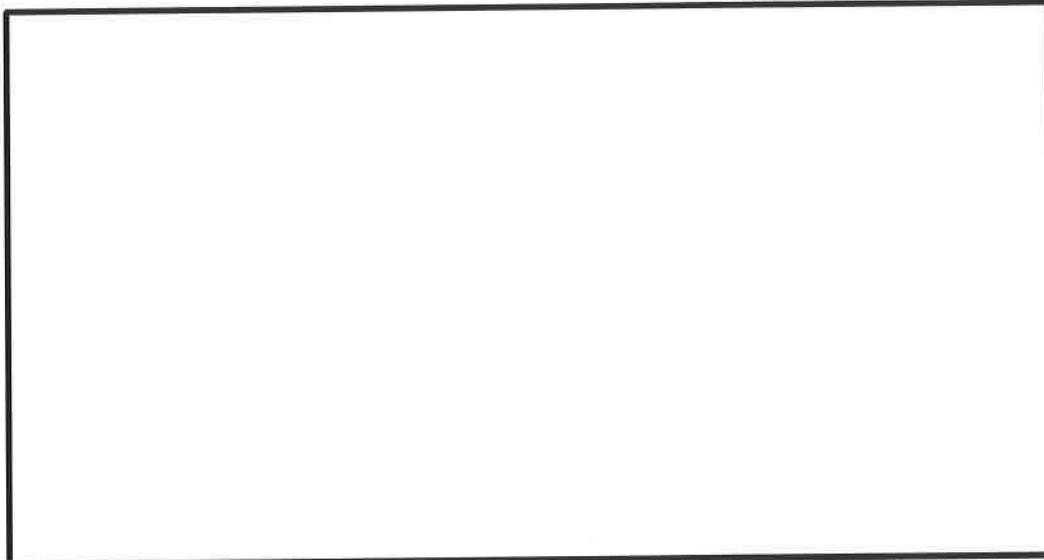
**Communications:** [REDACTED]

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**Description of Case Load:**

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**Problems or issues with Case Load/Trends Observed:**

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**Family Trees:** No issues

**RAVU Envelopes:** N/A

**Scheduling:** Due to the flight delay from Quito, Ecuador to San Jose, Costa Rica - the interviews in Costa Rica had to be rescheduled. IOM was able to reschedule the cases without problems.

**Close-Out Partners Meeting:**

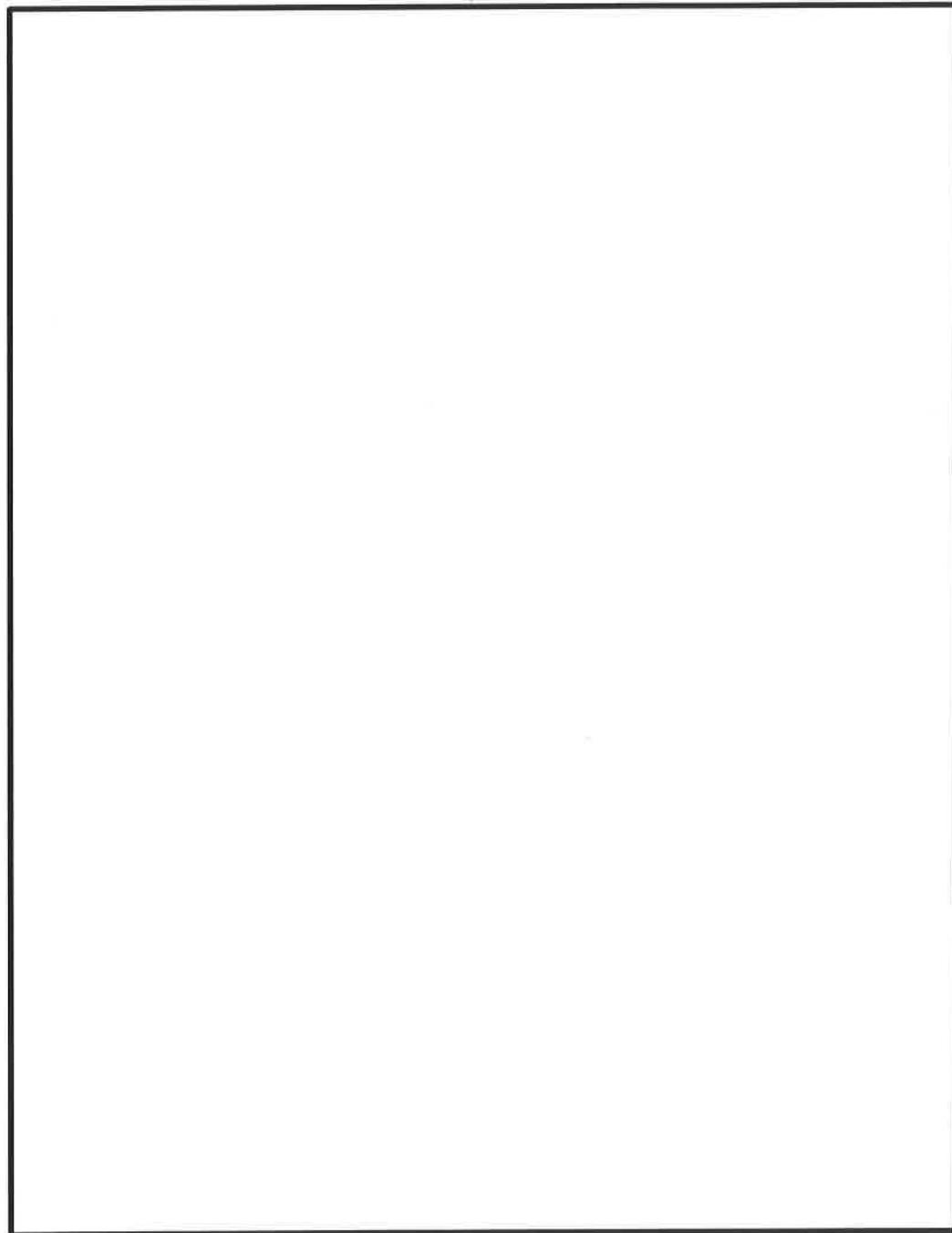
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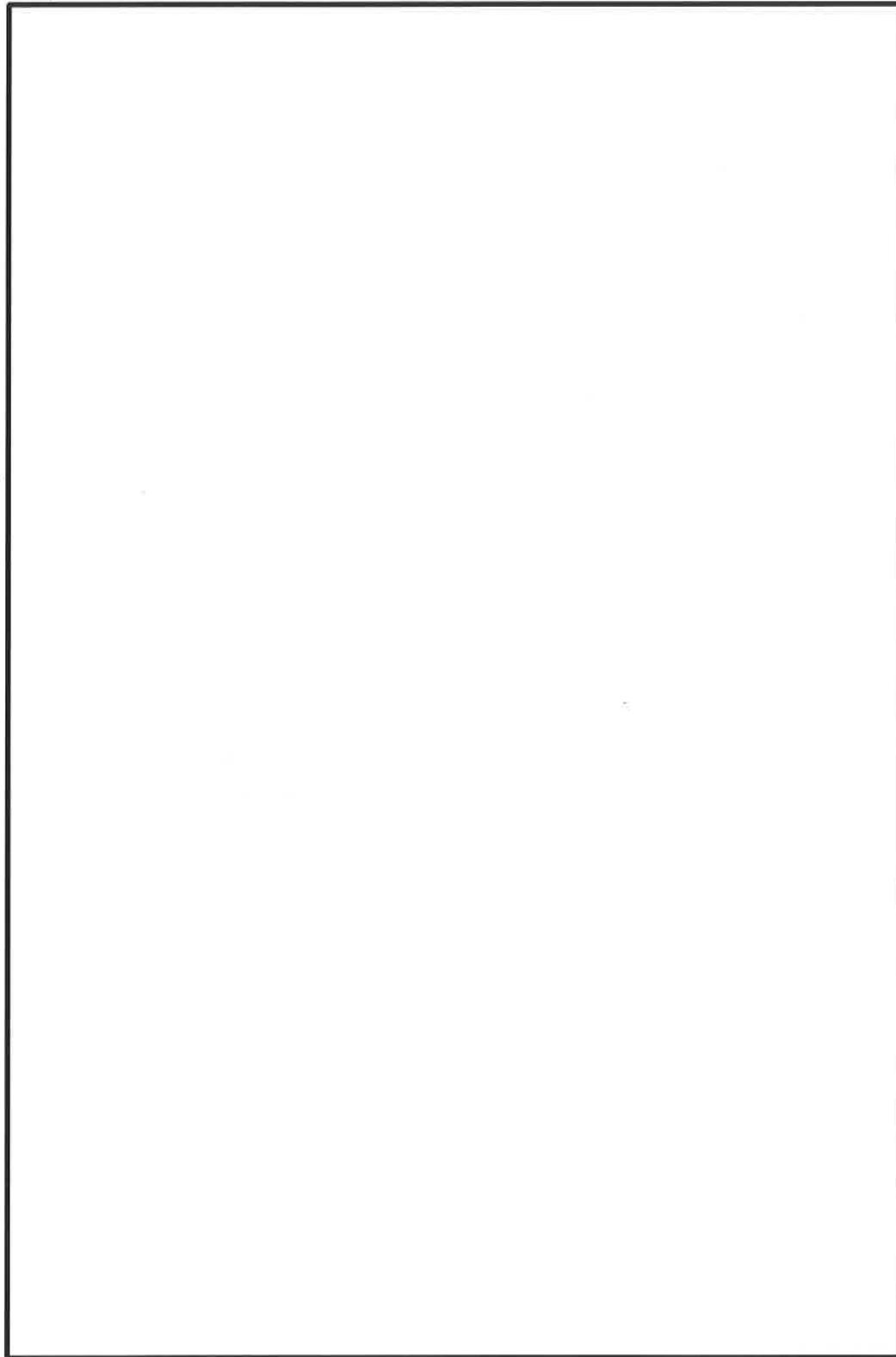
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**Description of cases that were denied in San Jose, Costa Rica:**



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**Refugee Processing Trip Report  
 Costa Rica, Ecuador & Colombia  
 June 14 - July 3, 2010**

**Circuit Ride Basics:**

**Processing Site:** San Jose, Costa Rica  
 Quito, Ecuador  
 Bogota, Colombia

**Team Composition:** [REDACTED] RAD HQ  
 [REDACTED] (Ecuador only), RO

**Dates of Processing and Holidays (if applicable):**

June 14 – 23, 2010	San Jose, Costa Rica
June 23 – 30, 2010	Quito, Ecuador
June 30 – July 3, 2010	Bogota, Colombia

**Travel Days:** June 14, 2010  
 June 23, 2010  
 June 30, 2010  
 July 2, 2010  
 July 3, 2010

[REDACTED]  
 departs D.C. to San Jose, Costa Rica  
 departs Costa Rica to Quito, Ecuador  
 departs D.C. to Quito, Ecuador  
 departs Ecuador to Bogota, Colombia  
 departs Quito to Guayaquil, Ecuador (annual leave)  
 returns to Miami  
 returns to D.C.

**Processing Venue:** [REDACTED]

**Case Information:**

**Overall Statistics:**

San Jose, Costa Rica

<b>Scheduled</b>		<b>Approved</b>		<b>Denied</b>		<b>Hold</b>		<b>No Show</b>		<b>Closed</b>	
Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
24*	48	15	33	6	10	3	5	0	0	0	0
100.00%		68.75%		20.83%		10.42%		0.00%		0.00%	

\* Note: 22 cases originally scheduled – 2 new cases created from split-off of 2 existing cases due to determination that Honduran common law marriages were not recognized for U.S. immigration purposes.

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Quito, Ecuador

	Scheduled		Approved		Denied		Hold		No Show		Closed	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	24	48	10	21	7	10	5	11	2	6	0	0
Percentage	100.00%		43.75%		20.83%		22.92%		12.50%		0.00%	

Bogota, Colombia

	Scheduled		Approved		Denied		Hold		No Show		Closed	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	6	14	3	5	0	0	3	9	0	0	0	0
Percentage	100.00%		35.71%		0.00%		64.29%		0.00%		0.00%	

TOTALS for Costa Rica, Ecuador and Colombia:

Scheduled		Approved		Denied		Hold		No Show		Closed	
Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
54	110	28	59	13	20	11	25	2	6	0	0
100.00%		53.64%		18.18%		22.73%		5.45%		0.00%	

Cases Placed on Hold:

	On Hold		TRIG (Waiver)		TRIG (No Waiver)		HQ Hold		Other		Other	
	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People	Cases	People
Total #	11	25	7	14	1	3	1	3	1	3		
Percentage	92.00%		56.00%		12.00%		12.00%		12.00%		0.00%	

Cases of interest representing the norm or the unusual in each hold category:

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**Processing Partners:**

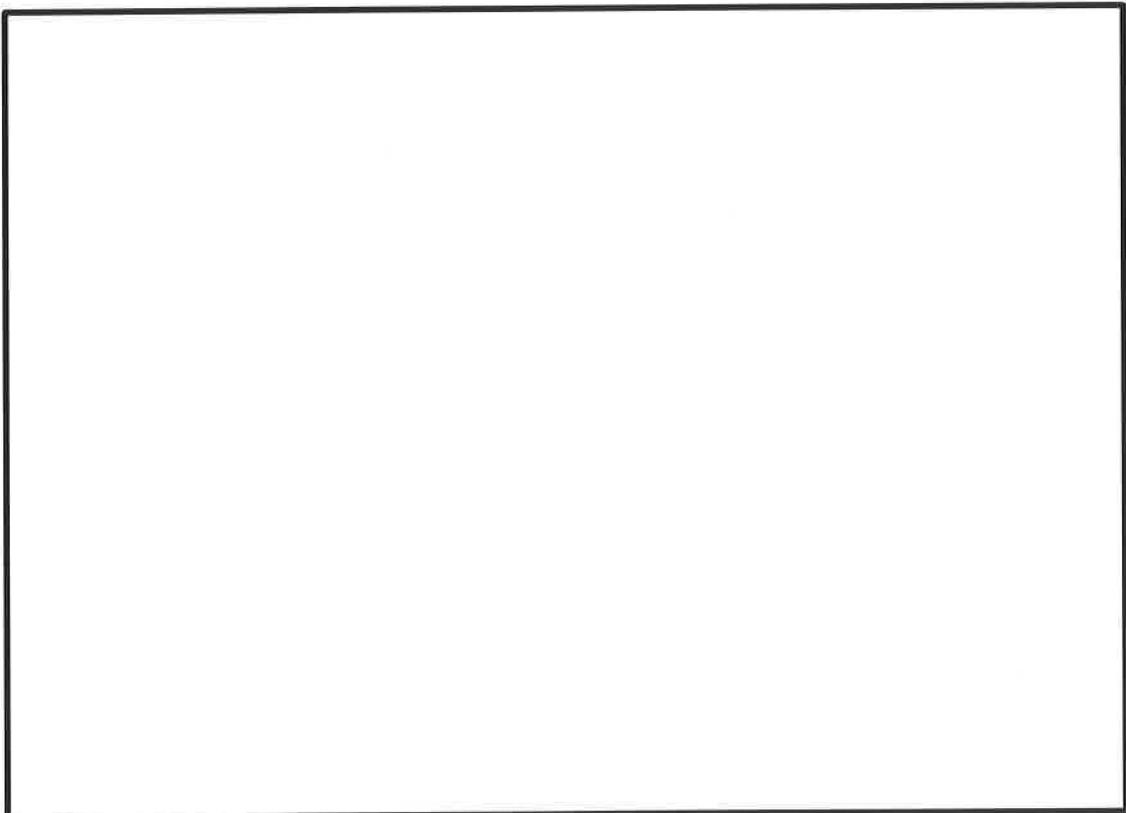
A. OPE: IOM Costa Rica - [REDACTED]  
IOM Ecuador - [REDACTED]  
IOM Colombia - [REDACTED]

B. UNHCR: [REDACTED] Durable Solutions Officer, San Jose  
[REDACTED] Resettlement Officer, Quito  
[REDACTED], Assistant Resettlement Officer, Quito

C. DOS: [REDACTED] Embassy Bogota Refugee Coordinator

**Close-Out Partners Meeting:**

The meetings were held at the IOM offices on the last day of the San Jose and Quito circuit rides, in order to discuss the cases in terms of the sufficiency of the RRFs and the types of cases referred, cases that were deferred, as well as any problems or unique issues encountered by the interviewing officer(s) and recommendations for improving the quality of RRFs.



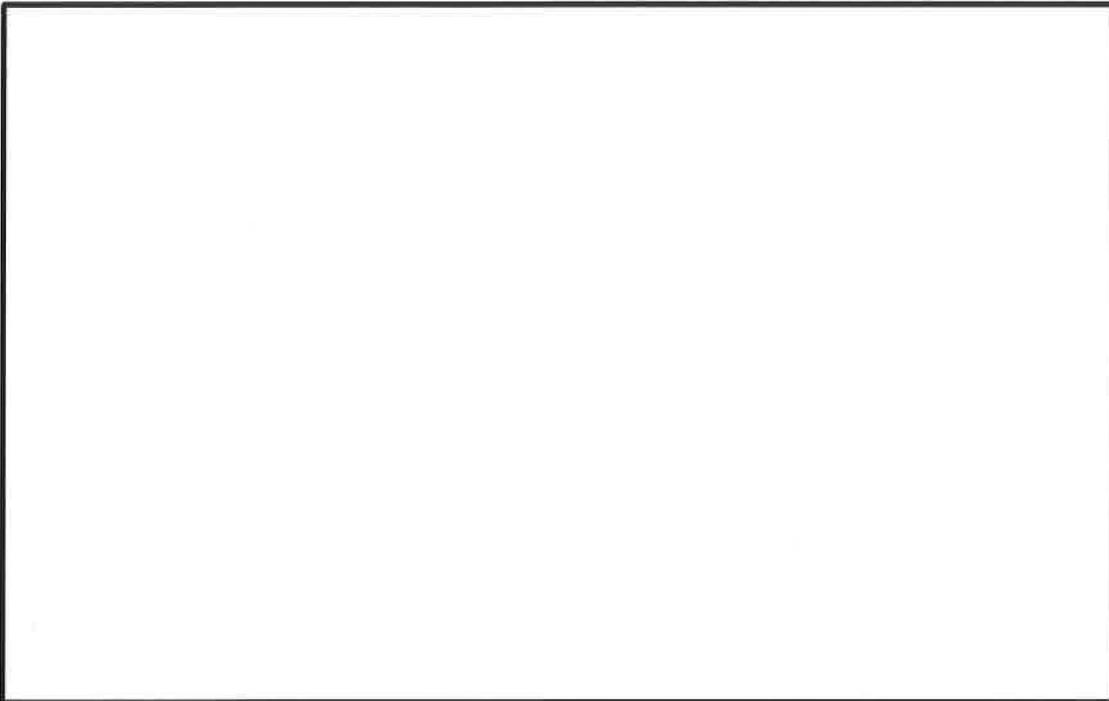
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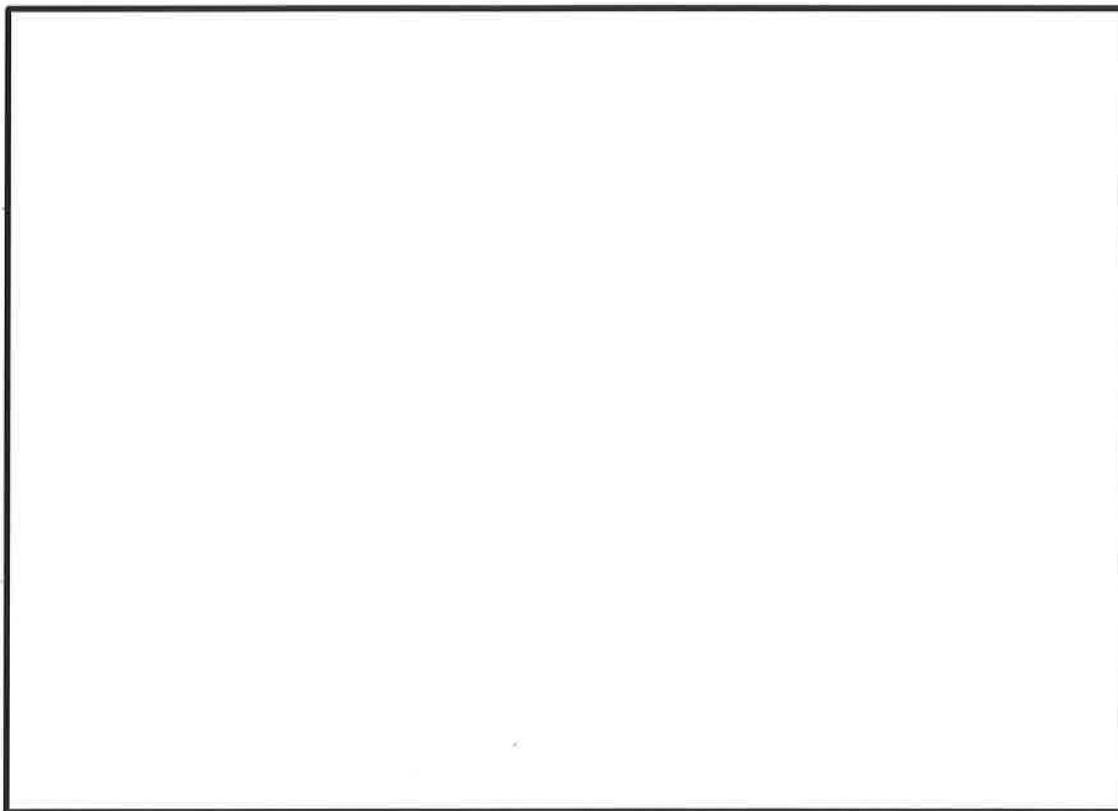
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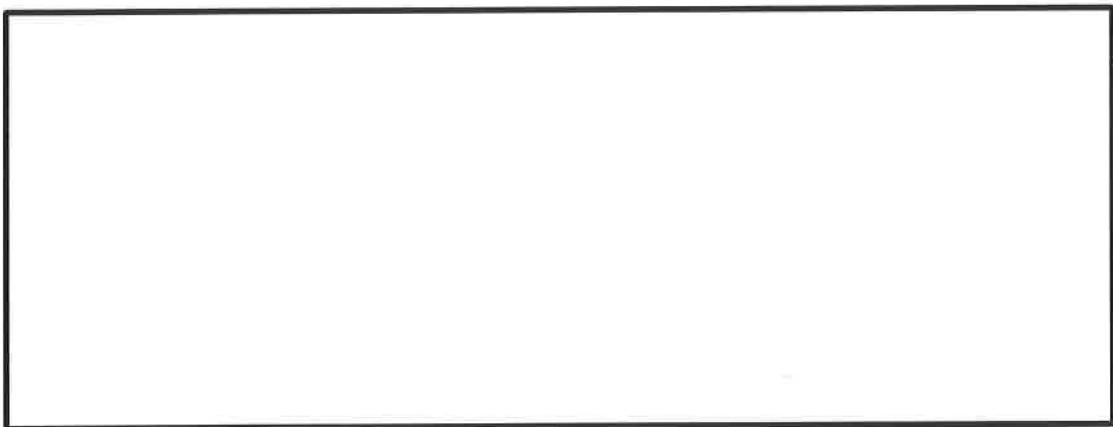
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Caseload Issues:



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**CLASS/SAO:**

[redacted] are on hold for SAO clearance.

**Description of cases that were denied in Costa Rica:**

\*Note: PA stands for principal applicant.

[redacted]  
PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. He failed to establish that he was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA failed to establish that any harm he suffered in Costa Rica was on account of a protected characteristic.

[redacted]  
PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. She failed to establish that she was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA failed to establish that any harm she suffered or feared in Costa Rica was on account of a protected characteristic.

[redacted]  
PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. She failed to establish that she was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA failed to establish that any harm she suffered or feared in Costa Rica was on account of a protected characteristic.

[redacted]  
PA failed to establish that she was a refugee as defined in INA Section 101(a)(42). Applicant did not suffer harm on account of a protected characteristic. PA failed to establish that any harm she suffered or feared in Colombia was on account of a protected characteristic.

[redacted]  
PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. She failed to establish that she was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA failed to establish that she was a refugee as defined in INA Section 101(a)(42). PA failed to establish that any harm she suffered or feared in Colombia was on account of a protected characteristic.

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[redacted]  
Applicant was found inadmissible pursuant to INA 212(a)(6)(A)(1), as an alien who was present in the United States without admission or parole. PA filed a request to waive her inadmissibility. This request to waive the inadmissibility was approved by USCIS, and the PA's refugee application was thereafter approved.

**Description of cases that were denied in Ecuador:**

[redacted]  
PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. He failed to establish that he was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA failed to establish that any harm he suffered in Costa Rica was on account of a protected characteristic.

[redacted]  
PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. She failed to establish that she was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA's testimony was found to lack credibility with regard to material elements.

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PA was granted refugee status in Costa Rica. He failed to establish that he was not firmly resettled in Costa Rica. PA's testimony was found to lack credibility with regard to material elements.

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**Logistics:**

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**Work Schedule and Transportation:**

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**Hotel Accommodations:**

Costa Rica - [Redacted]

Ecuador - [Redacted]

Bogota - [Redacted]

**Security – Personal Items/Money:**

[Redacted]

**Communications:**

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Trip Report Author: [Redacted]